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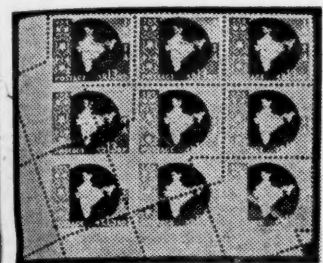
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Perforation Variety Reported From India

An interesting freak perforation variety has been reported by the Bombay Philatelic Co., Bombay, India. It is a block of nine of the 13 naya paise, India's 1957 Map series, with a diagonal fold across the lower left corner of the sheet.



This condition was present when the sheet was perforated, with the result that six of the nine adhesives display unusual misplacements and wanderings of the perforations, as shown in the accompanying photograph supplied by the Bombay firm.

Syrian Single Notes A&I Productions Fair

Syria has announced the June 8 release of a 12½ piasters blue, yellow and black stamp to mark the then current Fair for Agricultural and Industrial Productions of the United Arab Republic. The event was staged in Aleppo, with emphasis on the Syrian region's products.



The design by Aishel features a green sheaf of wheat and a heavy industrial wheel in yellow, against a blue background. The Offset Government Printing House produced 100,000 copies in sheets of 50, perf 12 x 12.5.

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Cherokee Textile Mills

RARE METER MARKING FOR METER COLLECTORS — Above is illustrated the Meter Marking and slogan which has been supplied by Pitney-Bowes Company and which Postmaster General Day has ordered removed from their machines. A. G. Heinsohn, Jr., President of The Cherokee Textile Mills of Sevierville, Tennessee has defied both Pitney-Bowes and Postmaster General Day and insist they will use this marking until stopped by a court order either from them, or the Post Office, or the New York Times, or Khrushchev or someone else.

P. O. Department Forbids Use Of Patriotic Slogan On Postage Meter Machine

George W. Linn

When the Post Office Department of the United States can tell us what we can say or what we can not say, freedom of the Press is threatened. In fact freedom of the Radio, freedom of Television, Freedom of every newspaper and magazine publisher in these United States is threatened.

We shall of course be accused of talking politics for printing the article we print below, but we deny such a charge and merely state that Politics is being brought into Stamp Collecting by the Post Office Department. Among the millions of stamp collectors, there are many thousands who gather the interesting meter markings that are on our daily mail. The Pitney-Bowes Company are the biggest producers of these postage meters along with which it is permitted by the Post Office Department to print a slogan of some nature alongside the meter indicia, indicating the amount and the payment of postage. Thousands of stamp collectors collect these meter markings.

The Post Office Department has now condemned and forbid the use of a meter marking which reads...

This is a republic,
not a democracy --
Let's keep it that way!

If you have any thought that there is little difference between a Republic and a Democracy, just study your Webster's.

Among the reasons why, or perhaps the chief reason why Postmaster General Day has forbidden this slogan, I am told it is said to be the motto of the John Birch Society, and is therefore controversial.

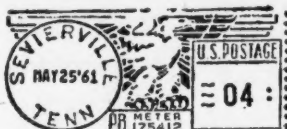
I know little or nothing about the John Birch Society, but if that is their motto I highly approve of this motto. As for the statement that it is controversial, I think it is the Postmaster General who is starting the controversy, for it is a motto that every true American can approve of.

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Four-Color 4c and 11c Values Note Economic Commission For Latin America; Other UN News

The United Nations Postal Administration has announced that its third commemorative issue for 1961 will honor the Economic Commission for Latin America, one of the four regional economic commissions of the UN. The new pair will be released September 18.

The stamps will be printed by the photogravure process in denominations of 4c (dark blue, light blue, red, and green) and 11c (dark green, light green, violet, and orange) by the Government Printing Bureau, Tokyo, Japan. They will measure 27mm horizontal by 33mm vertical, perforation to perforation.

Quantities of 4c—2,750,000 and 11c—2,500,000 will be printed, after the common design by Robert Perrot (France), of the UN Graphic Presentation Unit. Further details about the issue and instructions regarding the purchase of first day covers will be released approximately six weeks before the day of issue.

"ARLIS II" Latest Drifting Ice Station

According to a recent report by Jack R. Treutle of the American Society of Polar Philatelists, the newest Arctic Drifting Ice Station named on May 23 was named "ARLIS II". The Ice Station floating in the Arctic ocean has 15 men "aboard", and is a facility of the Office of Naval Research operated by University of Alaska. The base is an ice island locked in pack ice and carried along with it.

The Island is 1.6 by 3.5 nautical miles and estimated to be nearly 80ft. thick. The First Ice Station, named ARLIS I, was abandoned March 26 (Linn's of July 3).

The Ice Island is thought to have broken off from Ellesmere Ice Shelf near Greenland. After intensive study geologists will be able to determine the approximate origin more closely.

The island has been drifting for many years and is slowly melting. The U. S. Navy expects to utilize this base until slow disintegration makes it unsafe for inhabitants and it has to be abandoned.

On its present course the island will either circle around the Arctic basin or be thrown out into another Arctic current and possibly find its way past the North Pole, through the Greenland Sea and into the Atlantic Ocean. Since the personnel set up the drift station May 23 the island has drifted over 100 miles northwest.

A June 19 Point Barrow, Alaska cover submitted by Mr. Treutle shows a rubber-stamped 74mm circle featuring the ice island with its camp surrounded by other ice bodies. It is inscribed in all capitals "Arctic / Research / Laboratory - Ice - Station / Arlis II" with pen-and-ink notation at the bottom indicating 73:10:00 North, 156:15:00 West, May 24, 1961.

The UNPA explained that the Economic Commission for Latin America promotes the regional economic development of Latin American countries.

The major tasks of the Commission are designed to raise the level of economic activity in Latin America and to strengthen the economic relations both among the countries of the region and with other countries of the world.

Reprint of 1½c—The 1½c regular stamp, originally issued October 24, 1951 and reprinted in April 1953, was again reprinted in April 1961 in a quantity of 1,000,000. This second reprint differs from the first one in that there are no cut-outs in the margins and the perforations do not run through the upper or lower margins of the sheet.

Commemoratives Withdrawn — In accordance with the existing policy of withdrawal from sale of commemorative issues approximately one and a half years from date of issue, the stamp honoring the Palais de Chaillot, issued February 29, 1960, will be withdrawn from sale on August 29.

Similarly, the set noting World Refugee Year, issued December 10, 1959, was withdrawn from sale June 10, 1961.

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A-Sub "Firsts" Listed By Dates

George Juno of Scotia, N. Y. has submitted the following list of historical Nuclear Submarine "firsts", suggesting that it "should be of interest and reference to A-Sub collectors." It is a concise chronological listing of the principal milestones in the development of this type of craft.

January 17, 1955—USS NAUTILUS (SSN-571) sent historic message: "Underway on Nuclear Power" at 11 a.m.

September 25, 1957—SEAWOLF (SSN-575) was the first nuclear submarine to take the President of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, for a cruise.

March 4, 1958—SKATE (SSN-578) made the fastest transatlantic crossing from the United States to England. Traveled 3161 miles in 203 hours (2828 miles underwater).

March 29, 1958—SKATE (SSN-578) returned to the United States after setting speed record across the Atlantic; broke first record by returning in 173 hours.

August 1-5 1968 — NAUTILUS (SSN-571) made first submerged polar transit from Point Barrows, Alaska to Greenland Sea, travelling 1830 miles under ice. Crossed the Geographical North Pole on August 3, 1958 at 7:15 p.m.

August 12, 1958—SKATE (SSN-578) crossed under North Pole. Submerged under ice pack in Greenland Sea on August 9. Surfaced through ice nine times, and returned to Greenland Sea August 19.

October, 1958—SARGO (SSN-583) first nuclear submarine to sink a ship on maneuver off Hawaii. Sank the LST-561 (Chittenden County).

October 6, 1958—SEAWOLF (SSN-575) surfaced after 60 days without contact with earth's atmosphere. Logged over 13,700 miles submerged.

March 17, 1959—SKATE (SSN-578) was the first ship to surface at the North Pole. Conducted memorial services for Sir Hubert Wilkins August 14, 1959—SKIPJACK (SSN-585) went deepest and fastest in sea trials off the east coast.

August 24, 1959—SKIPJACK (SSN-585) was the first nuclear submarine to go through the Strait of Gibraltar.

February 9, 1960—SARGO (SSN-583) surfaced at the North Pole and planted the Hawaiian State flag.

March 8, 1960—HALIBUT (SSN-587) was the first nuclear submarine to launch the Regulus missile.

March 10, 1960—TRITON (SSN-586) made circumnavigational cruise of world following route of Ferdinand Magellan—36,000 miles in 84 days.

July 20, 1960—GEORGE WASHINGTON (SSN-588) successfully fired two Polaris missiles, off Cape Canaveral, Fla. while submerged.

August 26, 1960 — SEADRAGON (SSN-584) charted the Northwest Passage. Surfaced at the North Pole and the crew played baseball.

Collector Untangles French "Arms" Maze

"If everyone encounters as much frustration as I have faced, searching out the Coats of Arms series of France, I'm sure the following alphabetical list will help them, too," suggested Walt Mensch of Anaheim, Calif. as he volunteered a compilation of the puzzling stamps in question. The title is given, then the Scott Catalogue number.

Algiers (old) Scott No. 903, (new) 940, Alsace 563, Angou 620, Angoumois 737, Artois 659, Aunis 738, Auvergne 619, Bearn 662, Berri 696, Bordeaux 899, Bourbonnais 736.

And, Brittany 461, Burgundy 616, Champagne 698, Comtat Venaissien 785, Comte de Foix 782, Corsica 562, Dauphine 699, Flanders, 467, France-Comte 663, Gascogne 695, Guyenne 617, Ile de France 463, Languedoc 468.

Also, Lille (old) 902, (new) 938, Limousin 660, Lorraine 564, Lyon (old) 460, (new) 897, Maine 733, Marche 783, Marseilles 896, Nantes 901, Navarre 734, Nice (first) 565, (second) 900.

And, finally, Nivernais 735, Normandy 470, Oran 973, Orleans 469, Picardie 694, Poitou 697, Provence 462, Roussillon 784, Saintonge 739, Savoie 618, Toulouse 898, Touraine 662.

Sunflower Shown On Many Stamps

Elbert S. A. Hubbard

The recent Kansas Statehood stamp issued by the United States Post Office Department is not the first stamp to picture the Kansas Sunflower. It is, rather, only the most recent of many stamps issued in the U.S. which picture the Kansas State flower.

The others have all been released by Kansas herself as revenue stamps of the past 20 years.



The first Kansas stamp to picture the Sunflower was a beer tax set issued in 1941. Nearly every Kansas beer stamp issued since that date has pictured this flower.

Other topics of interest which have been shown on Kansas stamps are the State Capitol building, state seal, state bird, and a likeness of the state auditor. The picturing of a living person, or a state official, on a State issued stamp has been extremely rare. Only Louisiana shares this distinction with Kansas. Louisiana's document stamps of 1897 pictured the governor and the chief justice of the state.

Kansas State Auditor Will J. French was pictured on a long strip cigarette stamp issued in 1932. This stamp was wrapped around the entire package of cigarettes and was supposed to be torn when the package was opened.

Ironically, the stamp could be slipped off of the pack intact, since only the ends were glued together firmly. Nevertheless, few of these stamps were saved and they are extremely rare and practically never appear on the market.

This item was overprinted in blue in the next year to obliterate the picture of Mr. French and to give the name of the new State Auditor. The overprinted stamps are fairly common.

The State Bird, a Western Meadowlark, was pictured on the first cigarette stamps and continued as the main design from 1927 to 1931. In 1931 the state seal was used as the main design element until 1942.

To our knowledge, this is the only instance in which a state bird has appeared on any government issued stamps. Even the earliest of these issues are fairly common, but the one stamp which was issued in horizontal coil form is very scarce.

The first set of Kansas fiscals to picture the Capitol building was issued in 1927 to collect the documentary on "Secured Debts". These adhesives are very scarce today and any one of them is worth about 400 of the current used postage stamps.

Some of them, in fact, are easily worth 4000 of the current used postage stamps or 400 mint ones! Kansas readers of this paper would do well to check the family attic for documents which may bear one or more of this variety.

All readers who are interested in more data on these stamps should contact the State Revenue Society, Box 144, Northridge, Calif. A stamped reply envelope would be appreciated.

Sultan Of Selangor Installation Marked

The Crown Agents Representative, Washington, D. C. has announced the June 28 release of a single red, gold and purple commemorative to mark the installation on that day of Tuanku Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah Iqbal Almarhum Tuanku Hisamuddin 'Alam Shah Alhaj as Sultan of Selangor.



His Highness had served as Regent in the early 1950's and again from 1959 to September 1960 when his father died, at which time he was proclaimed Sultan. The formal coronation took place June 28.

Newest ASDA Chapter Plans Kansas City Show

America's newest chapter of the American Stamp Dealers' Assn., in the "Heart of America", has announced dates for the first Kansas City ASDA Postage Stamp and Coin Show as October 13-15. It will be held at Kansas City's Hotel Continental.

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DAHOMY		119-27	Native Scenes	1.10
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140	Prime Minister Maga	89	Independence	.14
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61-65	Football	1.65	Per Set	
	Prince Philip	.08	First Republic Issue, consisting of	
67-70	U.N. Trusteeship	1.10	Konkomba, Helmet, Antelope, Teak	
71-74	3rd Anniversary	.65	Forest, Allegory of Autonomy, Torch,	
75-77	Freedom issue	.35	and Flag, Wading bird in flight,	
78-81	First Republic issue (4)	2.40	Woman holding flag, Postage dues,	
81a	souvenir sheet	2.90	Plane over map, Scott #350-363,	
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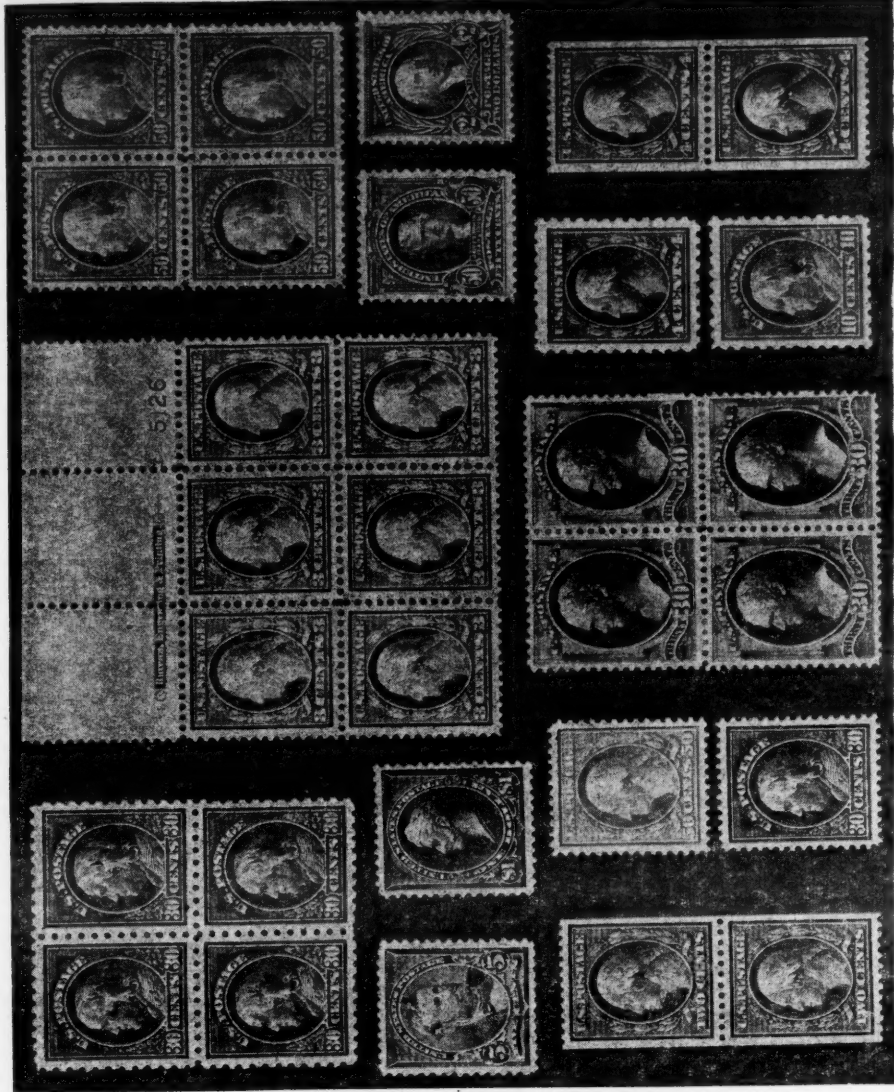
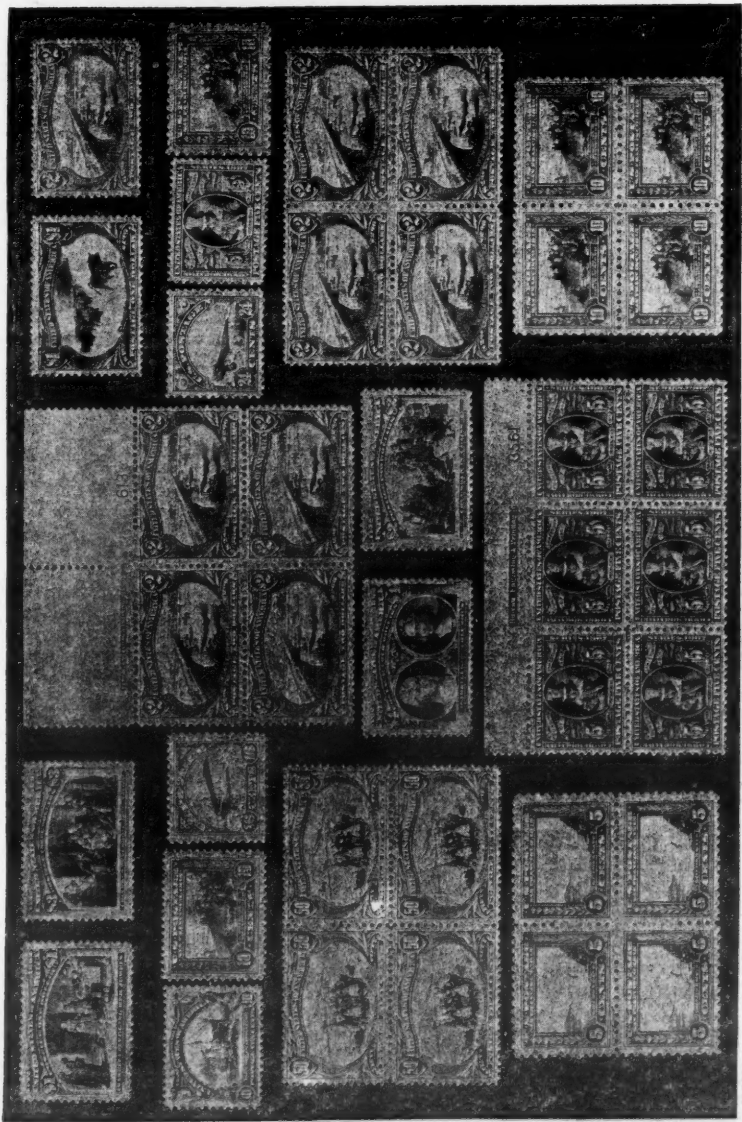
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Advertising Manager

Regarding First Day Covers

Mr. J. Chapman of Onaway, Mich. sends us a cover which bears a 3c Win The War stamp (issued first day on July 4, 1942). This cover is postmarked at Nimitz, West Virginia on September 10, 1945. The canceling machine has the usual circle with town and state as well as date.



GEORGE W. LINN

At the right of the circle are five straight lines, the middle one of which is broken having the words "FIRST DAY" in the center. This makes a confusing item to the inexperienced collector, since it appears to him as a first day cover. This however is not the case as the stamp was first issued on July 4, 1942. Mr. Chapman asks, "Can you explain this to me?"

Recently, the cancellation for the new stamp has the words "FIRST DAY OF ISSUE". The date in the circle at the left identifies it as a first day if it is proper one. Whether this First Day of Issue line has been in use since first day cancels became a habit with the post office, I can not confirm as I do not have a collection of first day covers. However such has been the custom for years past.

I am not certain about this next statement which I will make, but do believe I am correct. If not I would be glad to have any reader correct me.

It is my belief that this cover indicates it was postmarked and mailed on the first day of the post office at Nimitz, W. Va., which town was named after our great Admiral Chester William Nimitz. He was born in Fredericksburg, Texas on February 24, 1885. A graduate of the Naval Academy in 1905, was named in December 1941 Admiral of the Pacific Fleet which beat the Japanese Navy in World War II. He was one of the signers of the document of Japanese surrender aboard his Flagship, the U. S. Missouri.

If I am wrong as to the assumption that the cancel indicates First Day of the Post Office under the name of Nimitz, W. Va. I will be glad to print a correction of this statement if supplied.

Hidden Factors In Postal Cost

It has been just about three years since first class mail rates were hiked from 3c to 4c. Now the cry from the Postmaster General is for a hike to 5c instead of 4c. There is sound and ample reason why this should not be done and the chief reason is because President Kennedy announced during his campaign for office. . . "We pledge ourselves to . . . separate the public service costs from those to be borne by the users of the mail."

There are other reason just as sound. The Post Office Department has long been the whipping boy for many different services that are in no way associated with use of the mail, but which are handled by the Department and bears its costs. Elimination of these leeches would reduce the cost of operation by several hundred million dollars per year. If we could have a genuine business operation there would be little or no need for any advance in rates.

A very good bit of explanation of the present situation is under a heading as at the top of this item, written by Holmes Alexander of Washington, D. C. for the Boston Herald of May 2. We take the liberty of reprinting this article herewith:

"You might find little connection between the Caribbean and the Post Office except that both are taken for granted until there's trouble. Even Lady Chatterley does not keep the Post Office newsy for very long. Only the most dedicated public servants in and out of Congress give the necessary attention to this unrewarding subject.

"Postmaster General J. Edward Day, a very personable Los Angeles import, has marched to Capitol Hill for Congressional hearings. He has issued the all-too-annual statements about improving service and cutting costs. It sounds depressingly familiar.

SOME HOPE

"Yet there is some hope that this may be the year when government will close one of the less sensational 'gaps'—the one between promise and performance in this Executive Department which is closer than any other to our everyday lives.

"The promise, made many times in various governmental branches, is best summarized in the 1960 Democratic platform upon which President Kennedy was nominated and elected. The Democrats said concerning the Post Office:

"We pledge ourselves to . . . separate the public service costs from those to be borne by the user of the mail. . ."

"Most Americans don't know it, but the sale of stamps comes fairly close to paying for mail service. In a letter of last April 14 Day showed that first class mail is 99.7 per cent covered by revenue, and that airmail is 106.3 per cent covered.

"Losses seem to occur in second and third class mail, but these are often due to hidden factors of public service.

WANT TO PAY

"Among other users, the American Newspaper Publishers Association wants to pay 100 per cent of just costs, scoring any subsidy. The ANPA's postal committee, headed by Ralph Nicholson of the Dothan (Ala.) Eagle, has tried again with the new postmaster general (without much encouragement so far) to put across the distinction which is made in the Democratic platform.

"It is also made in the Postal Policy Act of 1958, which takes the line that strictly public services should be paid for out of general funds from the Treasury and not charge to 'any user or class of users' of the mail.

"The Post Office was founded by the Continental Congress to promote unity, education, culture, and business in addition to general correspondence. The service concept has grown until the Post Office does a huge number of odd jobs for the FBI, Immigration Service, Census Bureau, Civil Service as well as for individuals (such as below-cost registering of mail) and for groups (such as introducing commemorative stamps).

"A Citizens' Advisory Council in the Eisenhower period showed a typical year in which the public service items cost \$392 million, while

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SMILEATELICS . . . Bob Ricker



"I collect stamps, not gum, ever since 'Rover' here licked all my mint stuff!"

Stamps, Photography In Photo Publication

An especially good article on the "Marriage" of photography and stamp collecting is featured in the July issue of Popular Photography Magazine, one of the leading journals in its field. Written by a known philatelist, Ira Seebacher, the story spotlights numerous stamps whose designs are closely associated with photography.

Mr. Seebacher traces the theme over a long period, pointing out that some phase of the photographic art is involved in almost all stamps. Indeed, he indicates—using the Baden-Powell locals of Mafeking siege days as examples—that some few prize stamps are simply small photographs suitable gummed and separated.

Many stamps are based on photographs of people, places or events, while the science of photography is noted indirectly in other instances by designs honoring men who had more or less to do with its discovery and development to date.

As is too rarely encountered in non-philatelic publications, Popular Photo's offering has the aura of authenticity and fact, and the ring of sincere and knowledgeable writing.

1961 STAMP PROGRAM

July 11 — Senator George W. Norris birth centennial, Washington 13, D. C. (Horizontal, 50 per pane, 100,000,000.

1174-75 — Mahatma Gandhi Champion of Liberty 4c and 8c, Washington 13, D. C. January 26, 1176 — Range Conservation 4c, Salt Lake City 1, Utah, February 2.

1177 — Horace Greeley Famous American 4c, Chappaqua, N. Y. February 3.

1178 — Ft. Sumter 4c, Charleston, S. C., April 12.

ALREADY ISSUED

1144 — Patrick Henry "Credo" 4c, Richmond, Va., January 11. C62 — Regular airmail 15c, revised design, Buffalo, N. Y., January 13.

1183 — Kansas Statehood 4c, Council Grove, Kans. May 10. — Liberty 11c regular, Washington, D. C., June 15.

— 11c Air-Letter sheet, Johnstown, Pa., June 16. — 13c Airmail regular, New York, N. Y., June 28.

UNITED NATIONS

Sept. 18 — Economic Commission for Latin America 4c and 11c.

Oct. — Economic Commission for Africa. Dec. — Children's Fund, UNICEF.

Details as to denomination, color and printings will be announced when available.

To obtain First Day Covers collectors may send a reasonable quantity each with a name and address, and enclosing a sticker to the postmaster of the designated first day city with a request for FD service. Payment must accompany to cover the face value of the stamps to be affixed. For U.N. and Canadian first days, watch the news stories on these and follow instructions.

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756-765 1c-10c Nat'l Park Impts	8.40	2.10
756-765 1c-10c Parks, pl. no. blks	26.75	—
756-765 1c-10c Parks, ctrline blks	27.00	—
766-770 1c-3c Bou. Vert. gut. blks	9.00	—
766-770 1c-3c "Hor. gut. blks	7.45	—
766-770 1c-3c "Cross gut. blks	11.90	—
771 10c S. D. Airmail Impf.	2.40	.80
771 16c Impf. Set of Matched Arrow blks	14.75	—
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Juvenile Sports On Afghan Welfare Set

Four juvenile sports are featured on various denominations of Afghanistan's recent ten-value set of Children's Welfare stamps, according to Fatoullah and Lazar, Inc., of New York City.

The 2 paisas brown and green, 5p. black and red, 25p. black and blue, and 50p. black and light brown show two wrestlers. Another 2p. green and pinkish purple, the 15p. black and light purple, and 150p. dark brown and gold feature dueling with single-sticks and shields.



The 10p. blue green on buff and 100p. sepia on light blue green depict an athlete with what seem to be king-size Indian clubs, while the 175p. black on blue offers four lads playing on ice.

A 110 x 65mm. souvenir sheet repeats the 50 and 100p. values.

Spanish Revolution Set Data Expanded

Linn's correspondent in the Spanish area has confirmed his remarks of last week about the 25th Anniversary of Revolution set he detailed there.

"Values and designs are as stated," he wrote. "The stamps will be in multicolor—five in three, five in four, and two in five colors.

There will be 4,000,000 each of the 70c, 80c and 1 Peseta; 3,000,000 each of the 3 and 5Pts.; 2,500,000 each of the 1.50, 2 and 6 Pts., and 2,000,000 each of the 2.30, 2.50, 8, and 10Pts. values, according to Carlos Lenze, Barquilla 29, Madrid 4, Spain.

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Moe Luff of Spring Valley, N. Y. the Slogan Cancellation authority and expert, sent an example of how the corner card of a tropical fish selling business innocently confused one of the new facer-cancelling machines. The firm includes the picture of a fish in the bottom left corner.

While the fish in no way even remotely resembles a postage stamp, the scanning device was activated which in turn caused the postmark to be applied across it. The stamp itself was cancelled 13 hours later probably after a sorting clerk noted it hadn't gotten the usual "bopping".

This all proves nothing except that while an attempt has been made to relieve human hands of onerous duties, and has been successful in varying degrees, it still takes liberal applications of the human brain to do the job 100 per cent.

It has been my experience that those who collect precancels follow their specialty much as the older generation used to build general collections. That involved getting together for swapping (the precancellers do an awful lot of this), buying from each other in the pennies or nickels, and now and again talking a friend out of a stamp for "free". Such meetings and gatherings made for a lot of sociability which is the backbone not only of collecting but human existence. The precancel people still have all of that, but just a few general stamp clubs indulge.

It is nothing for a number of interested collectors to pool their information and come up with a desirable piece of literature such as the "1961 Scarce Town List". The most recent is the tenth edition of this pamphlet, published by the Central Ohio Precancel Club. The List was originated in 1952 by the editor of Linn's Precancel column, Kenneth M. Gierhart.

Scarce precancel towns are those where little or no stock is known to exist or can't be easily had. Of course these are the ones which are the most desirable. With the List at hand, one sorting through an accumulation of precancelled stamps can quickly determine when he has found a "good" one.

1. What stamp has the wording, "In A Common Determination"?
2. A 1935 commem pictured what was then known as Boulder Dam (since renamed Hoover Dam). On what river is the dam and between what two states?

Richard K. Strite of Williston Park, N. Y. has a house organ, "United Nations Philatelic News". He deals in UN material, which for our purposes here is secondary. I make the point, however, that he is a highly informed man on UN postal matters and philately, his publication reflecting straightforward and factual approaches to the news. His June 1961, vol. 3, no. 10 had the following under a title, "First Day Cancellations on the 14 September 1954 Air Letter Sheet":

"We have received many requests lately to authenticate first day of use cancellations on the United Nations air letter sheet first placed on sale 14 September 1954. This air letter sheet is referred to as the third air letter; the first two printings (29 August 1952 and December 1952) being nearly identical but lacking the word 'Aerogramme' which appears on subsequent printings.

"The third United Nations air letter sheet was received at the U.N. Headquarters a few days prior to 14 September 1954 and Reider Tvedt, Chief of the United Nations Postal Administration at the time, was requested to allow first day cancellations since this was a newly designed air letter. These requests were denied but Tvedt did allow exactly 200 of the new air letter sheets to be cancelled on the first day of sale for distribution to employees of the U.N. Postal Administration. Those air letter sheets cancelled 14 September 1954 and authorized by the U.N. P.A. are considered to be actual first day covers.

"Approximately two weeks after the third air letter sheets were cancelled for the U.N.P.A. a postal clerk (an employee of the U.S. Post Office Department and working in the United Nations post office), in collusion with a New York City stamp dealer, cancelled some 300 of the new air letter sheets with the same 14 September 1954 date. This was done by changing the date in the cancelling machine from the actual date and replacing with the 14 September date. The postal clerk was subsequently dismissed when news of his deed reached U. S. Postal officials but no action was ever taken against the stamp dealer although he is still in business (operating under a different name) and still selling the air letter sheets with counterfeit first day cancellations.



Fig. 1

"The 'authentic' cancellation is illustrated in Figure 1; the counterfeit is in Figure 2. The difference can be noted in the placement of the cancellation. While the placement may vary slightly due to irregular folding of the air letter sheets the genuine can be readily distinguished from the counterfeit."



Fig. 2

My reaction to this recital about the third airletter is not directly opposed to Mr. Strite's presentation, it might be called divergent. I believe he knows whereof he writes—I disagree to some extent with the conclusions he has assumed from the knowledge gained.

I can not go along with the designation of the monkey business perpetrated by ex-Chief of the UN Postal Administration, Reider Tvedt, as "authentic", while that allegedly done by one of his clerks as "counterfeit".

To cite an example (I'm not accusing or intimating criminal acts to any one by using this), is it less of a crime for the boss to derail a train than one of the help? The felony is the derailment—the station in life of the criminal should have no bearing at the bar of justice.

If there ever was a modern postal service, in a highly civilized country, which earned and deserved more criticism and condemnation than that of the United Nations in its earlier years under Reider Tvedt, I've never heard of it. He and his staff had no conception whatsoever of the ethics and mores of philately, or philatelic service. And the "glad hand Charley" crowd, who offered him advice just to be kept in mind, hardly did more than whisper sweet nothings in his ear and scratch his back, and wait around the back door for the next under-the-counter handout not available to those without the inner circle.

I hold that for Mr. Tvedt to take advantage of his position to prepare 200 of the new airletters for "taking care of selected persons" is wrong on all ethical grounds, and especially so on philatelic. These are no more authentic, even though the boss committed the crime, than if one of the clerks did it then or later. Both pieces are stinkers, or both must be acceptable to the hobby.

The fact that such cancellation was done on the "day of issue" (so we are told) is no weight to legality. It was wrong whenever done. (This is just one of a number of very "queer" things occurring in the Tvedt tenure of office).

If the dismissed postal clerk did cancel some of the airletters as stated by Mr. Strite, there is no question that this was an illegal act. Such would have no more philatelic standing than those prepared surreptitiously by Mr. Tvedt.

If I wanted a first day cover of this "third" airletter, either would be acceptable to me. Proponents of one can't claim theirs is "more legal" or "more authentic". Both are "no-gooders" equally.

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one or both. I would suggest in just this single instance enclosing the item in a sealed plastic envelope. That way the odor wouldn't turn the stomach every time the album was opened.

There aren't many post office departments or postal administrations around the world where officials haven't tried a few fast ones. Our own country has a blotch or two on its record the most recent of which was tied in with the so-called "Farleys" of 1935.

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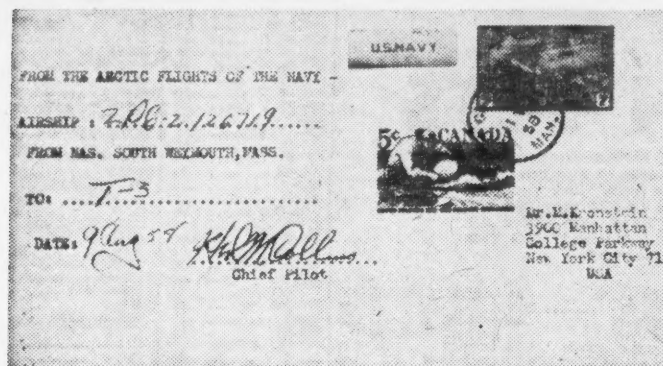
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20-1, 21B vg U	1.15	140-3 U	30	C146-53	85	ERITREA (Ital.)	1.20	166-164	2.90	82-5	3.45	NEW HEBRIDES	85	260-3 U	70	260-3 U	70	309-11 U	10	
22-6 U vg U	1.75	149-54 U	30	C154-8	65	C1-6 vg	1.20	C31-3	2.90	ICELAND	40	LITHUANIA	1.20	82-5	85					
23-6 U vg U	1.75	150-3 U	30	CRETE 2-5	30	CB1-6	1.75	FR. GUIANA	2.00	144-8 U	40	C18-20	70	NICARAGUA	30	453-65 U	80			
24-6 U vg U	1.75	151-3 U	30	CUBA	30	EGYPT 242-51	80	CB1	2.00	213-5	75	C37-9	55	453-65 U	80	652-664	85			
25-6 U vg U	1.75	152-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	252-6, 265	50	FR. INDIA	2.35	309-12	30	2N9-16 NG	55	652-664	85	695-700	65			
26-6 U vg U	1.75	153-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	258-64	40	FR. MOROCCO	2.35	317-8	30	239-16 NG	55	695-700	65	701-5	50			
27-6 U vg U	1.75	154-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	B3-6	35	B29-31, CB25	80	102-9	30	200-5	1.40	735-9, C316-50	3.70	C147-51, C154	55			
28-6 U vg U	1.75	155-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	B9-12	1.00	FR. POLYNESIA (Oceania)	1.60	130-2	75	206-15	2.00	C164-182	2.20	C164-182	2.20			
29-6 U vg U	1.75	156-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C30-8	65	C3-9	1.60	141-2	30	216	30	C164-182	2.20	C164-182	2.20			
30-6 U vg U	1.75	157-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	FR. WEST AFRICA	1.15	161-2	20	238-30 U	3.90	C203-214	4.70	C203-214	4.70			
31-6 U vg U	1.75	158-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C30-8	65	36-54	1.15	169-72	45	216	30	C222-8	55	C222-8	55			
32-6 U vg U	1.75	159-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	C11-14	2.55	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C229-35	1.25	C229-35	1.25			
33-6 U vg U	1.75	160-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	169-72	45	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C241-52	1.75	C241-52	1.75			
34-6 U vg U	1.75	161-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253	30	C253	30			
35-6 U vg U	1.75	162-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
36-6 U vg U	1.75	163-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
37-6 U vg U	1.75	164-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
38-6 U vg U	1.75	165-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
39-6 U vg U	1.75	166-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
40-6 U vg U	1.75	167-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
41-6 U vg U	1.75	168-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
42-6 U vg U	1.75	169-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
43-6 U vg U	1.75	170-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
44-6 U vg U	1.75	171-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
45-6 U vg U	1.75	172-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
46-6 U vg U	1.75	173-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
47-6 U vg U	1.75	174-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
48-6 U vg U	1.75	175-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
49-6 U vg U	1.75	176-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
50-6 U vg U	1.75	177-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
51-6 U vg U	1.75	178-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
52-6 U vg U	1.75	179-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
53-6 U vg U	1.75	180-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
54-6 U vg U	1.75	181-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
55-6 U vg U	1.75	182-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
56-6 U vg U	1.75	183-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
57-6 U vg U	1.75	184-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
58-6 U vg U	1.75	185-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
59-6 U vg U	1.75	186-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
60-6 U vg U	1.75	187-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
61-6 U vg U	1.75	188-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
62-6 U vg U	1.75	189-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
63-6 U vg U	1.75	190-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.50	C39-50	2.20	170-3	65	170-3	65	238-30 U	3.90	C253-82	30	C253-82	30			
64-6 U vg U	1.75	191-3 U	30	324-331, C18-21	2.															



Recent news dispatches indicate that the floating gas bags have seen their day and are well on their way into oblivion. Even so, their records will live through the centuries, not the least of which concern their World War II services and more recent explorations. The above cover is from an Arctic flight of August 9, 1958.

"Handwriting On Wall" Spells Passing Of Airships; Veteran Collector Talks Of Blimp Era

Dr. Max Kronstein

The United States is at this time the only country in the world where airships have been in service throughout several decades, yet even the modern American blimps (non-rigid airships) have very little public attention among collectors. But—when at the end of World War II Adm. C. E. Rosendahl summarized his experiences with the American blimps during the years 1941 to 1945, he used the words "They were dependable."

In the 15 years since then, the dirigible has become larger and more powerful as a part of a U. S. Navy program. And these years in the recent history of the airship in America have continued to confirm the words of the Admiral.

June 26 news reports indicate that this program is now being curtailed and in time will be completely discontinued. Certainly, in view of this development, the time could never be more auspicious for us to review, as collectors the Era of the American Blimp.

This development began in February 1917, when the first contracts were awarded by the U. S. Navy for 16 blimps, with the two well-known contemporary balloonists R. H. Upson and R. A. D. Preston active in the first constructions.

Collector covers are not reported from these earliest military blimp airships. It was in 1919 when the Goodyear Co. built a small hydrogen bag of 37,000 cu. ft. which was

used for passenger flights between Los Angeles and the Catalina Islands, nicknamed the "Pony Blimp".

In 1925 the Company began to build a fleet of small airships for experimental purposes and for the training of pilots, beginning with the "Pilgrim" (51,000 cu. ft.) in 1925 and the "Puritan" (86,000, later 112,000 ft.) in 1929. Then followed the "Volunteer", the "Mayflower", and the "Vigilant" (later renamed the "Columbia").

All these were of about the same size, 112,000 cu. ft. Still in 1929 came the 180,000 cu. ft. "Defender", built to carry ten passengers. Finally in 1931-32 the "Reliance" and the "Resolute" joined the fleet.

This development was promoted

by the construction of airfields, landing places and hangars throughout the States, making it possible for these small dirigibles to make, up to June 1, 1932, some 32,579 flights of over one million miles and with 79,224 passengers.

This airfleet continued operations until 1942, when the craft were taken over by the Navy as war time training ships. Their personnel entered military service at the same time, and it was from these ships that the first blimp covers were flown for collectors.

For instance, on August 1, 1929 an airship picked up a mailbag from the roof of the Post Office in Akron, Ohio.

Covers were flown during the December 1929 flight of the "Defender" from Akron to Miami, Fla.; during a May 1930 flight of the "Vigilant" from St. Petersburg, Fla. to Akron, Ohio; on an October 1, 1930 flight of the "Vigilant" at St. Joseph, Mo., and so on.

A special airmail event was the Pacific Coast "Ship to Shore" airmail of the "Volunteer" on June 12, 1931, followed by the December 1931 flight of the "Reliance" to St. Petersburg and the February 24, 1932 flight of the "Puritan" from Miami, Fla. to Havana, Cuba. These are perhaps the only international blimp covers flown.

Another special event was the mail pick-up at the centennial celebrations at Wooster, Ohio, May 14, 1932, followed by a number of flights of the "Volunteer" in California. These included one from Whittier to Los Angeles January 18, 1932; at an aerial parade over San Francisco August 17, 1932; an October 15, 1932 flight from Moffett Field; and again on October 20 a flight from Los Angeles.

It was on October 15, 1933 that the Navy Blimp "J-4" carried a special souvenir airmail on the occasion of the arrival of the airship "Macon" at Moffett Field, Calif. Other airposts were flown by the "Reliance" from Akron, Ohio to St. Petersburg November-December 4, 1934.

Also, by the "Volunteer" over the Roses Parade at Pasadena, Calif. Jan. 1, 1935; by the "Resolute" from Opa-locka, Fla. to Akron, Ohio and to New York City (middle of May



An early blimp cover is this one of May 14, 1932, posted at the Wooster, Ohio "centennial" ceremonies. The faint purple cachet at the left mentions Mrs. Herbert Hoover's attending the 125th year affair, and that her great-grandfather William Henry had helped found the city in 1807.

1935), and by the "Enterprise" from South Washington, Va. to Akron, Ohio May 21, 1935.

Other special covers are known from the Navy airship "T.C.13" in California, on its last flight before its decommissioning June 2, 1937; from a training flight of a Navy "K-2" airship over Lakehurst, N. J. January 16, 1939; and—just before the World War II—from a "Reliance" flight from Miami, Fla. to the Cotton Carnival at Memphis, Tenn. May 13, 1941.

Many of these covers have special cachets and certainly many of them are known to collectors. Even the catalog listings are very incomplete at this time. Numbers of these covers are autographed and inscribed by the pilots of the various airships.

It was during the World War II, that the American blimp reached the greatest extent of operation. According to a recent statement of Capt. Marion H. Eppes, the present commander of the Lakehurst, N. J. Naval Air Station—now 40 years in operation—there was a time when 15 blimp squadrons with 130 airships patrolled three million square miles of coastal waters along the perimeters of four continents.

It was on June 1, 1951 that the first post-war airship for the U. S. Navy made its maiden flight at Akron. This was the ZPN-1, an 875,000 cu. ft. helium gas airship, hailed at that time as the world's

largest non-rigid airship. And this began the post war development of the blimp.

For some unexplained reason, collectors never did pay much attention to these post-war airships, but there do exist first flight covers from the maiden flight of the ZPN-1. Also, by the friendly cooperation of the test pilots and of the flight commanders, inscribed and signed covers from on board many flights by later post war airships, were posted at the point of arrival of the airship. Even though these covers do not represent regular airmail dispatches, they are interesting documents of the American airship developments.

The Goodyear airship fleet also resumed post war operations, with the "Ranger", flying between homebase near Akron, Ohio and Miami, Fla. and to San Diego, Calif.

Another Goodyear airship was the old pre-war "Enterprise" (first commissioned in 1934), which resumed flights in the Goodyear airship group around Washington, D.C. and on similar long distance flights as the "Ranger". By the end of December 1957 this airship had (excluding the period of its Navy service) flown 10,535 hours and had carried 23,852 passengers.

On February 25, 1959 a new Goodyear airship was test flown. The "Mayflower II", it has since flown over wide areas of the country.

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While on a trip to the Boston area two weeks ago, we were privileged to examine a beautiful collection of better grade British Commonwealth material. The owner, who must remain anonymous, is a world famous personality and a real dyed-in-the-wool collector, who, by his own admission, is a "condition" collector.

We mention this because it emphasizes a point we have often advanced; be particular. This gentleman spoke of a number of classics offered to him during his 40 years of collecting, which he refused because of noticeable defects or condition being somewhat less than his standard.

This is a really difficult decision, especially where 19th century material is concerned. We all know that the same centering expected of 20th century items is almost impossible to attain with the early stamps. Yet certain standards of freshness, soundness and quality can be maintained if one has the necessary patience and forbearance.

We saw for example, a number of Cape Triangulars including the 4d woodblock error as well as several Mauritius "Post Pairs" and any number of other scarce and unusual items.

In every instance the stamps were among the best available. Without question, the collection, when finally disposed, will bring more than was paid for it. And think of the pleasure derived over the years!

Persian Gulf Territories (continued)—We have reported in two previous columns on the geographical and historical set-up of the various States. To continue the series it may be well to refer briefly to the derivation of the name Trucial States and then examine the postal history, such as it is known.

We have seen that British influence in the area dates back to the early 17th century. At that time and continuing until early in the 19th century, pirates, both Arab and European, had been very active. To protect their interests the East India Co. had created a navy to meet this threat.

Lawlessness reached its height at the beginning of the 19th century when the seafaring Arab tribes welded together in a concerted drive throughout the entire area.

Attacks on British vessels led to expeditions against the pirates in 1806 and 1809 and finally in 1819 against the pirate headquarters at Ras al Khaimah and other harbors along the "Pirate Coast".

On January 8, 1820, a general treaty of peace was concluded to which all the principal Shaikhs of the Pirate Coast adhered, as also did the Shaikh of Bahrain.

This treaty, while not denying the right of the signatories to carry on war with each other declared all other aggression at sea to be piratical and unlawful. To police the area a strong British squadron was stationed at Ras al Khaimah. Later, in 1834, the Shaikhs were induced to bind themselves by a maritime truce not to engage in hostilities by sea for a period of six months (that is, during the pearl diving season).

The advantages of this were so marked that they were easily persuaded to renew the treaty and continually did so for increasing periods until, on May 4, 1853, a Treaty of

Peace in Perpetuity was concluded. This involved all the Shaikhs of the "Trucial Coast"—as it was henceforth called—establishing a perpetual maritime truce.

It was to be watched over and enforced by the British Government to whom the signatories were to refer any breach. The British, however, did not interfere in wars between the Shaikhs on land.

Insofar as postal history of the area is concerned, early records are non-existent. In all probability correspondence was transported mostly by private couriers since postal markings are not known. What sketchy details are available indicate the following:

A post office was opened on the island of Bahrain in 1884 under the administration of India and contemporary Indian stamps were utilized. Their use in Bahrain can be determined only by the cancellation.

In 1911 a further treaty was signed by which Great Britain alone was empowered to establish a postal administration. In 1933 the first definitive stamps appeared, being Indian stamps overprinted "Bahrain".

These were replaced in 1948 with stamps of Great Britain overprinted "Bahrain". This change was made necessary by the change in the political status of India. (To be concluded).

Richert Reelected By Vatican Specialists

The May meeting of the Southern Wisconsin Chapter No. 8 of the Vatican Philatelic Society saw Harvey Richert unanimously reelected to his third consecutive term as president. Mrs. W. Wendorf is vice president and E. Madritsch secretary-treasurer, 5854 N. 35th St., Milwaukee 9, Wis.

The evening included an informative talk by a former Pontifical Swiss Guard and the viewing of some beautiful 3D color slides of the Vatican which were taken by a club member last year. Meetings of the club are held October thru June on the first Sunday of the month at 7 p.m. in St. John's Cathedral Rectory hall.

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Again, from on board these airship flights there exist inscribed, signed and posted covers.

Yet another step in the history of the post war airship in the U. S. A. was the maiden flight of the world's largest non-rigid air-ship, the first "ZPG-3W". It was 50 per cent larger than the preceding Navy blimps, carried a crew of 21 and was capable of carrying an 8000-pound radar antenna. Here too a number of inscribed collector covers were flown on the occasion, July 21, 1958. This type of airship is still in operation.

A very special event was the first flight of a Navy blimp to the Arctic Ice Isle "T-3", 500 miles north of the Arctic Circle, in July 1958, returning to its base at South Weymouth, Mass. on August 12. During this historic expedition the airship carried commemorative collector covers on a number of its flight-stages, in both the States and Canada.

It is not possible to describe all these events and their documentary covers, but this post war era of the American blimp has been a period of serious efforts and of considerable if fleeting success.

Even if present serious cuts in the program and the official death knell bring the final curtain to this development, the American blimp has none the less been throughout the past decade the world's only active airship, and the 44 years of its

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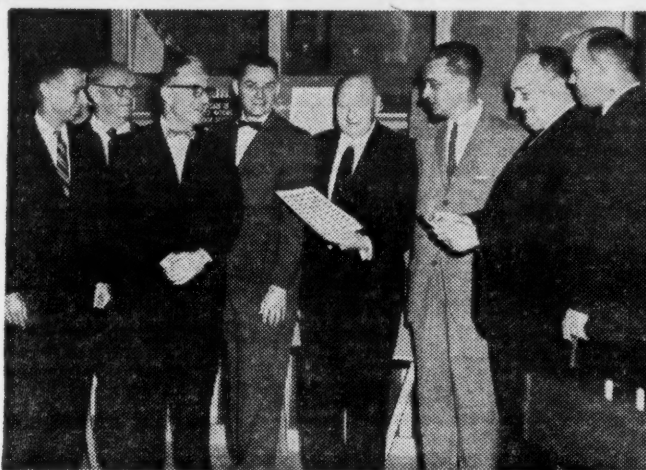
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METER MACHINE (Continued from page 1)

the U. S. A. recently requested Pitney-Bowes, Inc., to consider recalling slogan plates which it had sold to lessees of its postage meters. The particular plate to which the Post Office Dept objects reads: "THIS IS A REPUBLIC, NOT A DEMOCRACY Let's keep it that way!"

To those not familiar with Pitney-Bowes, let us explain that this company owns and leases some 300,000 mailing meters to private firms and groups throughout the nation. The Post Office Dept. permits the use of an advertising message alongside the metered "stamp", but requires that the message be monitored by the company that owns the meters.

A spokesman for the Post Office states that the department "cannot delve into censorship of the message to be carried, but there is a regulation which includes the statement that 'slogans must not be objectionable and misleading.'"

We rise to inquire as to what is "objectionable and misleading" about stating the fact that "THIS IS A REPUBLIC, NOT A DEMOCRACY."

At any rate, Pitney-Bowes considered the request of the Post Office Dept. and in turn is requesting that all of its meter lessees return these particular slogan plates, generously offering to refund the purchase price of the plates.

Pitney-Bowes' first letter to its lessees, who use these "objectionable and misleading" slogan plates, read in part as follows: "Since delivering this to you, the slogan has become strongly identified with a controversial and political issue, and it is apparent we made a mistake in permitting this slogan to be made. Our policy is that we can permit no such postmark ad plate to be used on our meters. Under postal regulations, postal meter slogans must not be objectionable. . ."

The letter then went on to state that an employee of the company would call to pick up the "objectionable" plate.

To one manufacturer who registered his objection to this high-handed procedure, Pitney-Bowes sent a second letter delivered in person by a company representative. This letter read in part: ". . . Your continued use of it (the 'objectionable' plate) constitutes a breach of meter rental contract with us . . . Our representative . . . has, therefore, been instructed to repossess our meter and remove it from your premises. . ."

This is going on in "free" America—not in Russia. We again inquire what is misleading about printing the fact that "THIS IS A REPUBLIC, NOT A DEMOCRACY?"

In 1787, when our American Constitution was only a few minutes old, venerable Ben Franklin was asked when he stepped out of the hall at Philadelphia where it had just been drawn up, "What kind of a government have you given us?"

He replied: "A REPUBLIC—if we can keep it." Could wise old Ben have been looking ahead with prophetic vision to the forces which in recent years have been and are working night and day to take that REPUBLIC away from us?

The next assault will undoubtedly

be on our "Pledge To The Flag." We stand at public gatherings and with right hand over the heart proudly and loyally recite in unison, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the REPUBLIC for which it stands. . ."

That word "REPUBLIC" has been in the Pledge ever since its inception despite two additions which since have been made to it.

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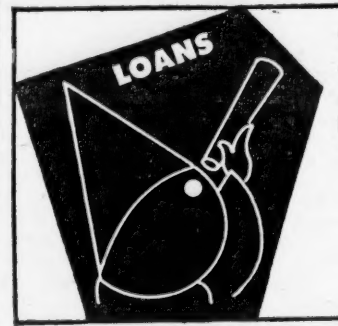
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This being true, it's high time the laws were changed. Otherwise, we will not be keeping the REPUBLIC which Ben Franklin announced the Founding Fathers evolved and gave to us.

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Decidedly timely and interesting are the stamps and markings on this card from the September 12, 1960 International Balloon Race in Belgium. The label features the early American airman John Wise; the 40c plus 10c charity for Congo relief does the actual franking. Four suitable cachets complete the markings, along with the autograph of the pilot Nini (Mrs. Jan) Boesman. It was her 140th flight.

International Adventure
Julius Weiss
 502 E. 185th St. Cleveland 19, Ohio

There is some good news today for the collectors of World Refugee Year philatelic material. We have been contacted by some staff members of the United Nations Staff Fund For Refugees and we understand the group has created a set of four postcards which show, in original colors, the popular World Refugee Year stamps of various countries of the globe.

The distinctive cards are printed in vivid colors with the series divided into four sections, as follows: America, Africa, Europe, and Asia. The cards are ideal for establishing contacts with people in all parts of the globe, but best of all proceeds of the fund will go to refugees.

The UN Staff Fund is a volunteer group of UN officials who give a few hours of their spare time each week to work in order to raise money for needy refugees who for one reason or another cannot be helped through official channels.

Further, we have contacted the group and told them that our readers would find interest in these cards as souvenirs. We added that we feel that if this group could mail cards for our readers direct from various refugee camps of the world, our readers would truly wish to house some in their World Refugee Year collections.

Readers will be kept posted on this and as soon as we have positive word as to our plan we shall report news known in this column. It is our hope that a card can be posted, with full postal markings, from camps in Europe and Asia. Full details will be given in our column as soon as we get official word as to just what can be done.

We have seen some of the Katanga air-letter sheets. These items are the 4 francs Belgian Congo sheets overprinted "Katanga".

Several readers have asked us about the new "cents" values of such as Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Basutoland. One or two others asked us about the overprints of Katanga and South Kasai.

The genuine items of all of this material are quite elusive. Also, since our columns go into Britain we have been cautioned by the British philatelic press to be alert when obtaining this material for frankly the provisional items of Bechuanaland, Swaziland and Basutoland can be printed by a child with a toy printing press.

Readers who have such provisionals on actual posted mail will have the gems. There are many fly speck varieties, sizes in overprints and such, and this writer would not spend over \$2 for any single issue at this time (June 3). We must thank the British philatelic press for alerting readers to this.

The roughest material in the provisional status to date, in our opinion is the Olympic items of South Kasai—this material is scarce and valuable property if genuine (covers are the best for these items—that is, covers with full postal markings).

The issues from South Kasai are the Olympic Games issue of the Belgian Congo which have been overprinted, "Autonomous State of South Kasai."

The Congo flower set (some ten

values of the complete issue) and the Technical Assistance stamps (pair) have also been overprinted "South Kasai" and the British press is mentioning the high fees asked for this material in London. We have not seen any on cover as of this date.

Japan's new 10 yen coil issue had its first day on April 25. It replaces the 10y. regular (Goddess Kannon) and shows the noted cherry blossoms (Sakura), the typical flower of Japan. The first day covers we received are some of the most colorful we have seen in some time.

Airplanes on stamps are getting a boost from many of the Crown Colonies as many of their new issues are showing them in flight. A set of three to commemorate the centenary of postage stamps of Grenada has two which show modern BOAC aircraft in flight.

Airplanes on stamps is a most interesting topical that is gaining ground daily in American philatelic circles.

For sometime this writer has mentioned the imperfs of Hungary. These stamps reach America and sell for over ten times face as new issues. We have been in contact with collectors in Hungary and asked about them—and we never did get a reply to our questions about the imperfs!

They are alleged to be printed in about 10,000 editions and we have tried various methods to obtain them actually used for postal service. Our questions to the Agency received no replies, but lo and behold, the philatelic group there sent us four values of a rocket stamp issue of May 24, 1961 all in imperf condition.

Thus we have seen the material on cover however, we still do not know whether the 10,000 printing is fact or like some of the stamps they issue—a fairy tale.

However, if the stamps are issued in 10,000 or less and are used for actual postage we still cannot see the ten times or more tab over the regular perf issue when it reaches us. Dealers should stop and think a bit, and mark these issues on a more realistic basis.

We just received results of the International Balloon race which took place last September 12. Our friend Nini Boesman (Cmdr. Jan Boesman's wife) took third prize in this race. This was Nini's 140th balloon flight.

The mail carried was an unusual consignment of some 285 letters and cards with each bit of mail carrying the official cachet of the mayor in black: "1960 / St. Niklaas / Landingrace / Voor Ballons". The letters and cards were canceled at Moerbske.

Due to special issues of Linn's we have been delayed a bit as to our columns and have not mentioned the stamps we have purchased recently as sound values, so here are the latest.

We have obtained all the decimal values of Africa and the overprints of Katanga and South Kasai (we of course go for the philatelic material that is genuine—see early part of this column). We have also obtained the Sesquicentenary of Independence issues of Paraguay, and all South Viet Nam and Ryukyus new issues.

Also, the Korean issues with the miniature sheets of April and May, and the Nicaraguan airmails to commemorate the International Junior Chamber of Commerce. Finally, we picked up the issue and the souvenir sheet of Sudan which were recently released.

The stamps which are moving up

daily in price in the U.S. and Britain are the Israel TAVIV souvenir sheet—it appears this is the best price-wise item to come from Israel in sometime—and the 1959 issue of Greece, showing Imre Nagy of Hungary. This one is quite elusive and is moving up in price almost daily.

Readers continue to write, asking us questions—but failing to enclose return postage. Please, send a stamped addressed envelope when asking a question and desiring a reply.

Several Linn's readers have visited Cleveland recently and contacted us; if you plan to be in Cleveland drop us a note and we shall be glad to arrange for a meeting to refresh the stamp scene. That's it for now.

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Landmarks Of American Philately

Paul B. Hertz

Within the next three years, according to plans presently under way, there will be two expositions of major importance in the United States: the Seattle World's Fair, to be held in 1962, and the New York World's Fair, scheduled to follow in 1964.

In years past, especially at the turn of the century, the prospect of not just one, but two, such events within a span of only two years would have been exciting news indeed to devotees of American philately.

For our early expositions were postally honored by sets now generally regarded as among the finest in our annals. These issues were notable for their vivid graphic portrayal of memorable persons and scenes in American history.

Unfortunately for the world of philately, since the great issues commemorating the earlier expositions, there appears to have been a progressive decline in both the quantity and the quality of the stamps issued for succeeding expositions.



From an initial set of 16 for the first of the major expositions—the Columbian—the number has dwindled over the years to a single stamp.

While it is true that the number of stamps in an issue is not in itself a criterion of either philatelic or artistic merit, it is at the same time rather obvious that no single stamp, no matter how beautiful, can ever capture the spirit and significance of a great exposition as dramatically or as fully as a set.

The first of the great issues was the set designed to commemorate the World's Columbian Exposition, held in Chicago from May 1 to October 21, 1893. It celebrated the quadricentennial of the discovery of the New World.

Classic in treatment, these stamps depict major episodes in the life of Christopher Columbus (Scott Nos. 230 through 245). Over the years these "Columbians" have appreciated impressively in value, thereby attesting to the esteem in which they are held by collectors.

While the lower values in the set are not too difficult to acquire, the higher values are becoming increasingly rare, and now command substantial prices.



Succeeding expositions were also commemorated by distinctive issues, such as the Trans-Mississippi Exposition issue of 1898, comprising nine stamps (285 through 293) and the Pan-American Exposition issue of 1901, consisting of six values (294 through 299).

The Louisiana Purchase Exposition issue of 1904 brought a quintet (323 through 327), the 1907 Jamestown Exposition three stamps (328-330), and the 1915 Panama-Pacific Exposition four (401 through 404).

The next exposition of note was the Chicago World's Fair and Century of Progress Exposition in 1933. This was commemorated by a special issue of two stamps (728-29) which were also issued in souvenir sheets of 25 and singles (Scott 730, 730a, 731 and 731a).

Thus there has been a progressive diminution in the number of stamps issued with each succeeding exposition, except that the trend was slightly reversed from the Jamestown trio to the Panama-Pacific Exposition quartet.

Certainly from the standpoint of the philatelic world it is unfortunate that these great expositions no longer command the postal recognition which was once bestowed upon such events.

In a broader sense, however, it is not only the world of philately which sustains a loss, for these stamps serve other purposes besides adorning the album pages of posterity. Probably the most important purpose served is publicity for the event itself.

To borrow advertising terminology, few other media can provide circulation and exposure to match that of postage stamps, which are seen by millions of eyes. And a set of several stamps will carry the

message to a far wider audience than that which can be reached by a single stamp.

To the collector of United States stamps these commemoratives of the expositions are especially rewarding, for they present a veritable pageant of American history. The study of these stamps will reveal many interesting facets of our national history and heritage.

To illustrate the many interesting aspects of these issues, both historic and philatelic, we have made up a brief quiz. Why not test your knowledge of these famous stamps? You'll find the answers below.

QUESTIONS

- 1—Which stamp in the Columbian Exposition issue portrays the fleet of Columbus?
- 2—Which early explorer of the Mississippi is pictured in the Trans-Mississippi Exposition set?
- 3—What tragic event occurred at the Pan-American Exposition in 1901?
- 4—Four Americans are portrayed in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition issue. Which was not a President?
- 5—Which explorer is the only person portrayed in the Panama-Pacific Exposition issue?
- 6—What is the marginal inscription on the Chicago World's Fair souvenir sheets?
- 7—Which famous park was the site of the California Pacific International Exposition in 1935?
- 8—What is the symbolic structure of the Golden Gate Exposition of 1939?
- 9—What was the symbol of the New York World's Fair of 1939?
- 10—Of which exposition stamps are there known invert copies?

ANSWERS TO QUIZ

- 1—The 4c value, Scott No. 233.
- 2—Pere Jacques Marquette, on the 1c value, Scott No. 285.
- 3—President McKinley was assassinated there.
- 4—Robert R. Livingston, whose portrait appears on the 1c value, Scott No. 323.
- 5—Vasco Nunez de Balboa, who appears on the 1c stamp, Scott No. 397.
- 6—"Printed by the Treasury De-

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7—Balboa Park, in San Diego. It is pictured on the commemorative, Scott No. 773.

8—The Pillar of Light. It is pictured on the stamp, Scott No. 852.

9—The Trylon and Perisphere. It

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Bechuanaland—The Crown Agents confirm the following printings: 1c, 2c, 2 1/2c on 2d; 2 1/2c on 3d; 3 1/2c, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 25c, 50c, one overprinting each; 1R., three printings. Postage dues: 1c, 2c, two printings; 5c, one printing.

New definitives produced by Harrison's will show: 1c Golden Oriole; 2c African Hoopoe; 2 1/2c Scarlet-Chested Sunbird; 3 1/2c Cape Widow-Bird; 5c Swallow-tailed Bee-Eater; 7 1/2c Gray Hornbill; 10c Red-headed Weaver; and 12 1/2c Brown-Hooded Kingfisher.

All the foregoing bird stamps are printed in multicolor. The following are also scheduled: 20c brown and gray, musician; 25c yellow and orange and blue, grinding maize; 50c olive and brown, Bechuana Ox; 1R. light brown and black, Lion; and 2R light brown and blue, Kalahari Policeman.

British Honduras—The New Constitution commemoratives were withdrawn June 30.

Hong Kong—The Golden Jubilee of the University commemorative is a single \$1 value, multicolor photograph printed by Harrison's. The design features the Coat of Arms and the Royal Cipher with St. Edward's Crown.

Malaya-Kelantan—De La Rue is revising the current 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 0, portrait of the present Sultan in the place of that of his late father. The new issue will be printed on paper watermarked "P T M" (Posts and Telegraphs, Malaya).

Malaya-Selangor—The current 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, and 20c definitives are being amended as for Kelantan.

St. Kitts-Nevis—Numbers sold of the West Indies Federation issue are: 3c, 298,523; 6c—175,031; 12c—218,464.

St. Lucia—The Postal Centenary commemoratives were withdrawn June 17.

The following King George VI stamps will be invalid after September 30: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 16, 24, 48c, \$1.20, \$2.40, \$4.80.

Swaziland—The following overprints are recorded by the Crown Agents: 1/2c, 1c, 2c, 2 1/2c on 2d, 3 1/2c on 2d, one printing each; 2 1/2c on 3d, two printings; 4c, 5c, three printings each; 10c one printing; 25c, 50c, 1R., 2R., three printings. Postage dues: 1c two printings; 2c three printings; 5c two printings; 2c on 2d, two printings.

The following definitives in present designs are being reprinted with values in decimal currency: 2c as 2d; 4c as 4 1/2d; 5c as 6d; 25c as 2/6; 50c as 5/-; 1R. as 10/-; 2R. as £1. Bradbury Wilkinson will be printing these on C. A. Script watermark paper.

Tanganyika—December 28 will bring twelve denominations for the Territory's independence, from designs by V. Whiteley. They will circulate side by side with the current Kenya-Uganda-Tanganyika issue, but will be sold only in Tanganyika post offices. Both sets will be valid for postage in the territory of the East African Postal Administration.

Trinidad: The Scout Jamboree series was withdrawn July 3.

Czechoslovakia—June 20 brought the Czechoslovak puppetry series. The designs show: 30 h. Manasek doll, 40 h., Dr. Faustus and Caspar; 60 h. Spejbl and Hurvinek; 1Kcs. scene from Askenazi's play "The Shlemil on the Moon"; and 1.60Kcs., the "Jasanek" doll of Brno.

Germany (Berlin)—July 19 promises two values for the Tenth Evangelical Churches' Day. Designed by R. Gerhardt, and offset printed, they show: 1pof. green and violet, St. Mary's Church Tower and "Five Crosses" symbol; 20pf. green and violet, Emperor Wilhelm Memorial Church ruin and "Five Crosses". Printed on fluorescent paper with watermark "DBP".

August 3 sees a single 20pf. dark

red and brown for the Radio and Television Exhibition. The design shows the emblem of the exhibition—a bear with television screen and gramophone record.

Italy—A 30 Lire blue and violet was released June 8 for the death centenary of Ippolito Nievo, author. The design of R. Mura shows his portrait together with a uniform cap and his book "Confessions of an Italian".

Turkey—The 50th anniversary of the Turkish Air Force was marked on June 1 by three values: 30k. yellow and brown, three rockets; 40k. red and violet, Jet fighter; 75k. yellow and dark green, profile of Ataturk, Eagle and Jet planes.

Rumania—The following series are in preparation: Huntable animals—10b. Deer; 20b. Lynx; 35b. Wild Boar; 40b. Bear; 55b. Stag; 75b. Fox; 1L. Wild Goat; 1.55L. Hare; 1.75L. Weasel; 2L. Chamois; in the background, hunting scenes. by I. Dumitrana.

Also, Shipping—20b., 4500-ton freighter "Galati"; 40b., Danube river steamer "Oltenita"; 55b., Black Sea Coaster "Tomis"; 1L. 1100-ton freighter "Arad"; 1.55L., tug "N. Cristea"; 1.75L., freighter "Dobrogea", 10,000 tons; printed in four colors from designs by D. Stiubei.

Two values for the total eclipse on February 15 show 1.60L., view of the eclipse from Republic Square, Bucharest; 1.75L., dome of the Observatory. Four color printing from designs by I. Dumitrana.

South Korea—On May 6 a 40h. blue green marked the International Conference on Community Development. The design by Kang Choon Whan shows three young people facing the community development emblem bathed in sunshine. 500,000 copies and 50,000 miniature sheets were lithographed by the Government Printing Agency.

South Viet Nam—April 29 saw four denominations for the second term of president Ngo-Dinh Diem and his vice president. The stamps are recess printed in Paris and show him waving to the populace: 50c blue, 1 Dong vermilion, 2D. magenta and 4D. violet.

Ethiopia—A set of triangulars is due in July for the Emperor's golden wedding anniversary.

Lebanon—15, 30 and 40p. airmails in uniform design (Bay of Maameltin) have been released. They are locally offset printed.

A set with surcharge for the preservation of Nubian monuments is in preparation.

Spanish Sahara—May 16 saw the release of a 25P. airmail showing an aeroplane and camel-rider. Photograph printed at the Spanish State Mint from a design by T. Miciano.

UAR Syria—A 50p. airmail was released for Palestine Day, printed in two colors. The designs show an Arab and a map of Palestine.

Uruguay—Seven values featuring the new buildings of Carrasco Airport were released recently.

Sweden—Edition of the 1.20Kr. "Three Crowns" definitive was 9-247,300. The Branting commemoratives were produced in editions of: 150., perf two sides—16,370,000; 150., perf three sides—11,210,000; 1.70Kr.—4,050,000.

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Once again the July 23, 1952 revolution in Cairo, which overthrew the Faroukian regime and paved the way for the Republic and the eventual United Arab Republic union with Syria, is being commemorated with stamps. A set of five adhesives and a souvenir sheet are to be released on the Day of the Revolution later this month.

For this ninth anniversary the whole scope of the Republic's five-fold Economic Development Plan is being used as the theme for the set and sheet.

There will be three 10 mills, two 35m. and one 100m. (the souvenir sheet) items, with a total face of 200m. (56c U.S.). Quantities will be two million of the 10m. values, one of the 35m. stamps and 250,000 souvenir sheets.

The sheets are not to be tied to any quantity purchases of the adhesives and may be bought separately, if desired.

The three 10m. values will depict advances in Industry and Electricity with the slogan: "Planning for Higher Production"; Housing, "Planning for Equality and Welfare"; and Transportation and Communications, "Planning for the People".

On the two 35m. denominations will be depicted Agriculture and Irrigation, "Planning Increases Production", and Public Services, "Planning Achieves Social Equality".

The 100m. souvenir sheet will graphically illustrate the anticipated climb in the national income due to the Economic Development Plan by comparing 1960 with 1965 and 1970.

These stamps will be available as usual at face, through the Philatelic Office, Cairo, and first day covers will be serviced if received prior to the date of issue (i. e., addressed envelopes with sufficient payment for the stamps to be purchased and affixed). Commemorative cachet-cancels are used for servicing FDC's.

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A Small Sign of Change

In an increasingly competitive market, Austria has so far retained the absolute integrity of her philatelic productions. She has faithfully adhered to recess-engraved commemoratives in single colors, produced in limited (three million) editions, and turned out in a style which is sometimes naturalistic, sometimes symbolistic, and at all times pretty uninspired.

This is due of course to the traditions laid down before and after World War I, when such people as Koloman Moser and Schirnbock founded schools of engravers, whose precepts are still carried to this day by their pupils and students.

So far, so good. But what of the external influences, which drive one country after another to embrace color photography and offset in gaudy shades? No such thing has yet sullied the fair pages of Austria, with a few exceptions dictated solely by the subject. The reasons are, I am sure, similar to those governing the continued use of recess-engraved stamps by the U. S. A.: There are powerful labor unions, and an established tradition of craftsmanship, whose interests would be gravely disturbed by a switch to other methods.

The former reason is more cogent in the states, but the tradition, and the fact that a fine school of engravers must be kept employed, weigh heavily in the scales with Vienna.

The first three issues of the year are a fair cross-section of what to expect. I hope and trust that they will continue to please a public whose taste grows increasingly fickle.

We have had a 1.50 Schilling for Victims of Freedom, the Austrian flag (two red stripes flanking a central white) being created by the flame rising from a sacrificial bowl.

We have had a supremely uninspired but delicately engraved 1918 biplane for the Lupeosta airmail exhibition, and an almost equally plain composition of traffic media for the European Conference of Transport Ministers.

What could be simpler than a view showing a road bridge with bus and truck, crossing a railroad next to a canal, on which can be seen passenger train, goods train, barge and tug? At least the die is competently engraved—but oh, how deadly dull.

The only concession made to modern technology is that the lettering "Republik Oesterreich" and a small coat of arms of Vienna (where the Ministers met) is printed in red; the rest of the design is in dark olive green.

This two-color effect is continued on four values which promise to be slightly more interesting in design, though advance illustrations are not available at the time this is being written. They mark the centenary of the Society of Creative Artists, Vienna, whose premises, the "Kunstlerhaus" (or House of Arts) was featured on a six-value issue in 1948, when that building was 80 years old.

I hope the stamps will recapture some of the glory and fine engraving of that much under-estimated 1947 issue marking the first post-war art exhibition. In spite of superlative workmanship and fine printing, this series has not been fully appreciated.

Since it was released in the old "soft" Schilling currency, it was available at almost waste-paper prices for a large number of years. But a printing of one million sets is not inexhaustible, and slowly, prices have been climbing as wholesale stocks have been dispersed.

Useful Biography of Austrians

That 1947 issue featured paintings and other works of art. A year later the artists themselves were shown for the 80th anniversary of the Kunstlerhaus, thus familiarizing us with the names of the famous creative spirits of 19th century Austria.

Complete biographies of these people are available in a little book published recently by J. F. Giblin, Greenhithe, Grosvenor Rd., St Helens, Lancs. (England). This work costs \$4 from the author and gives the results of a great deal of research and time hunting down some

of the more obscure persons and people.

The large bulk of the information is thus available for the first time in English, and if you collect Austrian items, you could do worse than to secure a copy of this limited printing—only 250 copies.

Classic Revival

Fifty years after they first saw the light of day, Iceland's definitive design of 1911 has been revived as a commemorative for the 150th birthday of the first Prime Minister Jon Sigurdsson.

Again the execution is in letterpress with the head in blind embossing. The portrait is again taken from the relief by the sculptor Einar Jonsson, but this time the printing is not carried out by H. H. Thiele in Copenhagen. Instead, it has reverted to the normal printers of recent Icelandic issues, Thomas De La Rue of London.

When these stamps were first released, Iceland was still a Danish colony, but had an autonomous administration for many years, and Sigurdsson was one of the champions of independent control both as regards trade and finance.

It is pleasing to see this old friend reappearing, though I suspect that the currency of the issue will not be much longer in 1961 than it was 50 years ago. Three months after their December 15, 1911 release they were replaced by a similar design bearing the portrait head of King Frederik VIII of Denmark.

These first Sigurdsson stamps were in fact also Iceland's first commemorative, marking the birth centenary of the first Prime Minister. I note that of the lowest (1 eyr) value one million copies were printed, of which 50,000 were subsequently overprinted with a new denomination, "2 Kr."

Third Time Lucky

It strikes me that once a tradition is established, the German Post Office is very loath to part with it. For the third time, therefore, we will see stamps marking Evangelical Churches' Day. Once again the dominant motif is the five-cross symbol, familiar already from the issues of 1956 and 1959.

This time, however, the issue is being released primarily for use in Berlin, so they have added a couple of church towers in the background.

On the 10pf. we see the tower of St. Mary's Church. The 20pf. brings the ruin of the Kaiser Wilhelm Memorial Church on the Kurfurstendamm.

In fact the only symbol which we have not met previously on stamps of the Federal Republic or West

Berlin is the tower of St. Mary's Church; for the rest, it is just a reshuffle of old and tried elements.

This pair will be followed by a single 20pf. value for the Television Radio and Phono Exhibition which is little more than a frame for the symbol used on the poster.

This I am afraid is another instance of the devaluation of stamps from a distinction granted only to notable events or persons, to a item of publicity.

Exhibition issues—with the steadily increasing number of such events—begin to lose their meaning and should I think be strenuously avoided.

They remain in our albums and collections as the only tangible mementoes of things long since departed, and they have neither artistic nor, nowadays, much philatelic value.

Scanning down the list of West Berlin's stamps I see that they have marked no fewer than 13 exhibitions and meetings which are of purely passing interest; this omits stamp days and centenaries, as well as stamps honoring distinguished persons. I think that is just 13 too many.

Beauties of Luxembourg

If the Luxembourg Animals series was not particularly fortunate, that fair land's reputation is being redeemed by two charming landscape stamps, bringing views of Ettlebruck and Clervaux respectively. The former has as its main feature the monument to Gen. Patton, and it requires little imagination to suggest who is kindly requested to purchase same.

The Clervaux stamp, however, is a bird of a different color, and once again reminds us of the beauties of that attractive part of the Ardennes well known to so many holiday makers.

The Benedictine Monastery at Clervaux first appeared on Luxembourg postal paper in 1918; we see its principal tower here once more, dominating the background; seven years later the identical view, but in different format, brought a general impression of the site.

The new interpretation by S. L. Hartz, promises however to be far and away the most attractive of the three versions, and deserves acquisition if only for its beautiful engraving.

It may also be of interest to those who like "adult" stories on stamps that the Castle of Clervaux shown in the foreground was equipped with a neat little cupboard where bridegrooms used to be incarcerated in

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RYUKYUS

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destroyed are preceded by "Des.", while in the first column the Scott numbers are listed in the chronological order of appearance of the stamps. In certain instances this reverses the Scott sequence.

As stated previously, this tabulation is merely a preliminary report of general interest items. Although complete figures have been com-

plied on each printing, detailed information on the identification of the stamps of each printing must await further study of raw materials and the stamps themselves. The author invites correspondence from specialists who are involved in the complicated process of attempting to identify examples of the various printings. His address is: Cdr. M. H. Schoberlin, USN, J-6, USTDC, APO 63, San Francisco, Calif.

Moreover, the author wishes to

PRINTING AND ISSUING DATA OF RYUKYUAN POSTAGE STAMPS

Scott No.	Stamp	No. of Printings	No. Printed	No. Issued	On Hand CPO Oct. 15, 1960	Remarks
1a, 1, 5s, Cyad	3	261,000	241,428	(843)	Des. 18,572
2a, 2, 10s, Lily	3	381,000	292,802	(843)	Des. 87,198
3a, 3, 20s, Cyad	3	481,000	370,326	(843)	Des. 109,674
4a, 4, 30s, Junk	3	421,000	291,825	(843)	Des. 128,175
5a, 5, 40s, Lily	3	331,000	183,774	(843)	Des. 146,226
6a, 6, 50s, Junk	3	481,000	334,941	(843)	Des. 145,059
7a, 7, 1y, Farmer	2	346,000	337,403	(843)	Des. 7,597
8, 50s, Roof	3	3,600,000	3,105,307	53,693 (843)	Opd. 440,000
9, 1y, Girl	2	1,200,000	1,199,000	(843)	Opd. 10,000
10, 2y, Palace	2	600,000	589,000	(843)	
11, 3y, Dragon	2	480,000	479,000	(843)	
12, 4y, Woman	2	600,000	599,000	(843)	
13, 5y, Shells	2	400,000	396,302	2,698 (843)	
14, 3y, University	1	500,000	499,000	(743)	
15, 3y, Pine	1	500,000	498,960	(676)	
16, 10y, Opd/Roof	3	440,000	439,000	(845)	Opd. on No. 8
18, 3y, Map	1	300,000	299,500	(445)	Opd. on No. 10
17, 100y, Opd/Palace	1	10,000	9,800	(100)	
19, 1y, Madan	9	3,200,000	3,013,572	185,428 (*)	
20, 2y, Chamber	10	3,400,000	3,141,425	257,575 (*)	
21, 3y, Gate	7	3,200,000	2,970,333	228,667 (*)	
22, 6y, Sogenji	3	300,000	197,097	101,903 (*)	
23, 10y, Besaitendo	6	1,300,000	1,118,166	180,834 (*)	
24, 30y, Sonohyan	2	600,000	275,978	323,022 (*)	
25, 50y, Tamaudun	2	300,000	230,909	68,091 (*)	
26, 100y, Bridge	3	300,000	219,214	79,786 (*)	
27, 3y, Perry	1	400,000	399,000	(843)	
28, 6y, Fleet	1	400,000	381,587	17,403 (843)	
29, 4y, Ota	1	500,000	499,000	(*)	
31, 4y, Flask	11	5,900,000	3,768,429	94,871 (*)	Opd. 1,035,700
30, 4y, Toma	1	300,000	299,000	(*)	
32, 15y, Dish	6	1,400,000	1,197,668	15,632 (*)	Opd. 185,700
33, 20y, Fabric	4	700,000	500,089	8,511 (*)	Opd. 190,400
34, 4y, Shrine	1	200,000	199,000	(*)	
35, 4y, Forest	1	200,000	199,000	(*)	
36, 5y, Dancer	3	700,000	456,539	10,961 (*)	Opd. 231,500
37, 8y, Munjuru	1	200,000	159,604	39,396 (*)	
38, 14y, Warrior	2	400,000	197,998	9,902 (*)	Opd. 191,100
39, 4y, Telephone	1	200,000	199,000	(*)	
40, 2y, New Year	1	600,000	599,000	(*)	
41, 4y, Pencils	1	600,000	599,000	(*)	
42, 2y, New Year	1	1,200,000	1,195,846	3,154 (*)	
43, 4y, Stamps X	1	1,800,000	1,662,704	136,296 (*)	
44, 1/2c Dollar/and Yen	2	1,000,000	998,196	804 (*)	
45, 1c Dollar/and Yen	2	1,000,000	998,870	130 (*)	
46, 2c Dollar/and Yen	2	1,000,000	996,629	2,371 (*)	
47, 3c Dollar/and Yen	2	3,000,000		(*)	On Sale
48, 4c Dollar/and Yen	2	1,000,000		(*)	On Sale
49, 5c Dollar/and Yen	2	1,000,000	998,778	222 (*)	
50, 10c Dollar/and Yen	2	1,000,000	996,818	2,182 (*)	
51, 25c Dollar/and Yen	2	500,000		(*)	On Sale
52, 50c Dollar/and Yen	2	250,000		(*)	On Sale
53, \$1 Dollar/and Yen	1	250,000		(*)	On Sale
54, 3c Gate	1	1,500,000		(*)	On Sale
55, 1 1/2c New Year	1	2,500,000	2,499,000	(*)	
56, 3c Trees	1	1,100,000	1,099,000	(*)	
57, 3c Moth	1	1,000,000		(*)	On Sale
58, 1/2c Hibiscus	2	1,700,000		(*)	To 11/1/60
59, 3c Fish	2	3,500,000		(*)	To 11/1/60
60, 8c Shells	1	200,000	199,000	(*)	
61, 13c Butterfly	1	500,000	499,000	(*)	
62, 17c Jellyfish	1	200,000	199,000	(*)	
63, 1 1/2c New Year	1	1,500,000	1,499,000	(*)	
64, 3c Univers. X	1	800,000		(*)	On Sale
8c New Shells	1	300,000		(*)	To 11/1/60
13c New Butterfly	1	300,000		(*)	To 11/1/60
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C4, 13y, Goddess	5	2,100,000	1,951,357	147,643 (*)	
C5, 18y, Goddess	3	600,000	330,360	268,640 (*)	
C6, 30y, Goddess	.....	2	800,000	761,703	37,297 (*)	
C7, 40y, Goddess	.....	1	200,000	75,618	123,382 (*)	
C8, 50y, Goddess	.....	1	200,000	121,674	77,326 (*)	
C9, 15y, Goddess	.....	3	1,500,000	713,798	185,202 (*)	Opd. 600,000
C10, 20y, Goddess	.....	1	200,000	109,022	10,978 (*)	Opd. 80,000
C11, 35y, Goddess	.....	2	500,000	163,173	235,827 (*)	Opd. 100,000
C12, 45y, Goddess	.....	1	200,000	49,096	49,904 (*)	Opd. 100,000
C13, 60y, Goddess	.....	1	200,000	68,231	30,769 (*)	Opd. 100,000
C14, 9c Opd/Goddess	.....	1	600,000	597,741	1,259 (*)	Opd. on C9
C15, 14c, Opd/Goddess	.....	1	80,000	77,951	1,049 (*)	Opd. on C10
C16, 19c Opd/Goddess	.....	1	100,000	97,635	1,365 (*)	Opd. on C11
C17, 27c Opd/Goddess	.....	1	100,000	98,353	647 (*)	Opd. on C12
C18, 35c Opd/Goddess	.....	1	100,000	96,650	2,350 (*)	Opd. on C13
C-- 9c Opd/Flask	1	1,035,700		(*)	To 11/1/60
C-- 14c Opd/Dancer	1	231,500		(*)	Opd. on No. 30
C-- 19c Opd/Dish	1	185,700		(*)	To 11/1/60
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And quite aside from the personal pleasure it has given him to explore the unknown and to chart the uncharted, the author's devout wish is that this report will benefit a little both the wonderful people of the Ryukyus and the Ryukyans who

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Diplomat's Remark Brings Stamp Shortage In Lebanon

Bruce Conde

Sometime in March a certain foreign ambassador happened to drop a remark in the hearing of President Fuad Chehab of Lebanon that the President's portrait in military uniform on the still-current 1960 airmail definitives seemed to be giving the false impression abroad that Lebanon was under a military dictatorship.

The Lebanese Chief Executive, who is anything but a military dictator, was interested in the remark and asked the ambassador to elaborate.

The envoy pointed out that such countries as Spain and Yugoslavia, for example, where military men are currently operating more or less dictatorial or totalitarian regimes, do not hesitate to display their military chiefs of state in uniform.



But the democratic states, he continued, even where a former general has been elected to the presidency, usually portray their chief executives only in civilian clothes, whether on stamps or otherwise.

The diplomat pointed out that President Eisenhower had not been photographed in military uniform during his two terms of office, and that General de Gaulle almost invariably appears in civilian attire as President of the French Republic.

Greatly impressed by this, President Chehab, who has not donned his uniform or been photographed in it at any public appearance since his election to the presidency, called a presidential assistant and ordered copies of all current Lebanese definitives bearing his portrait to be brought to his office for study.

As a result of reviewing the various Chehab portrait types then in use, the President ordered the Ministry of Communications to immediately withdraw from postal sale, and to demonetize and burn, the 1960 series bearing his portrait in military uniform (i.e., the definitive airmails printed in Vienna, Austria).

He also ordered the junking of the three low values thus far issued of the new 1961 bicolored regular postage definitives. The reason for discarding the latter and not going ahead with the higher values, even though they show the president in civilian clothes, is that they are of very poor quality.



As noted by this writer in the recent Linn's article describing this new set, the portrait is almost unrecognizable; it depicts a man who looks some 20 years older than President Chehab.

The issue is totally unsatisfactory from the viewpoint of both design and production, and the paper is thin and without the necessary glaze.

In comparison, the accompanying airmail set shows the Chief Executive as he really is and in the civilian business suit he habitually wears.

Thus, the airmails and the 1960 "official portrait" (in civilian clothes with the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Cedar of Lebanon) regular postage definitives will remain as stop-gap values at the post offices while a new definitive series of most-needed values is being rushed to completion at the Saikali Press of Beirut.

There is now a great shortage of high values for airmail and low values for the cheaper classes of mail locally used for newspaper, circular, and other mailings, as the "old man" airmail counterparts were already in short supply, and—strangely enough—it is the airmail set which will be the scarcest of the 1961 issues in mint condition.

How will this affect philatelists? Insofar as the "military uniform" Chehab airmails of 1960 are concerned, there will be no shortages of them used. Also, before they were abruptly withdrawn from sale in early April (with postal patrons being allowed a reasonable grace period to exchange stocks on hand for new stamps with franking power) there was an information "leak" which permitted dealers to stock up on them from post office reserves, even though some values had been long obsolete at the windows and were commanding substantial premiums. Thus, the mint sets will not be scarce, either.

The 1961 "old man" stamps, however, had scarcely gone into general use and will be scarce used. As they were merely piecemeal releases of a longer definitive set, many dealers did not stock them initially but were waiting to get the complete set when finally issued.

It is estimated that out of a maximum of 40,000 sets released and not recovered by the post offices for exchange all were used up in local postage (and mostly destroyed without reaching philatelic hands) except a maximum of about 8000 sets which remained in mint condition in collectors' and dealers' hands.

As this was a very small quantity, the set would have been an extremely good one, mint, too, but at the time of the information "leak" between March 24 and 20, the post office reserves of these stamps were also "cornered" so that it will not be scarce, mint.

It is unlikely that such an event will happen again in Lebanese philately, as all concerned have now been alerted to secure presidential approval well in advance of printing any new issue bearing a Chehab portrait.

"French Artists On French Stamps" At G-P

Richard Deutsch will exhibit and discuss his collection of "French Artists on French Stamps" at the next meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Cleveland, Ohio.

The event will be staged at Cleveland's Hotel Manger at 8 p.m. July 14. The general public is invited to attend.

SPECIAL EDITIONS

Various dealers might want to time some of their advertising to appear in conjunction with the special editions of Linn's Weekly Stamp News sponsored by different specialist groups. These editions are always the last one of each month and contain a splendid amount of information about the particular country or specialty.

The next four editions of a special nature are as follows:—

July 31—ATA Map Stamp Unit.

Aug. 28—Korea Stamp Society.

Sept. 25—American Topical Assn.

Oct. 30—The Philatelic Foundation.

Further inquiries can be directed to this paper by interested dealers.

Clubs or societies agreeable to sponsoring a special edition can get the details on request.

Philippines Overprints Two For Anniversary

The Bureau of Posts of the Philippines has announced that the 6c and 25c Manila Pact stamps overprinted with the text "Ika-15 Kaarawan, Republika ng Pilipinas, Hulyetao in sh" were placed on sale July 4, to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Republic.

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Significant milestones were passed during the '60-61 year of the American Topical Assn., the topical stamp collectors' club. Seven events of importance in ATA's brief eleven-year history occurred during this past year. These were:

1) Issuance of the 10,000 membership number—current number is now 10,623; 2) Release of ATA's 100th topical publication (66 issues of "Topical Time" and 34 topical handbooks); and 3) The tenth consecutive annual convention and topical stamp exhibition.

Also, 4) Assigning the 300th life membership number showing the loyalty and faith of the ATA membership body; 5) Release of ATA's largest publishing endeavor, the 164-page "Flowers and Botanical Subjects on Stamps" Handbook with 191 illustrations (\$5 postpaid); and 6) During 1960, ATA became the second largest philatelic society in the United States holding an annual convention.

And 7) Though the first seven conventions and exhibitions of ATA were not honored by first day sales by the U. S. Post Office Department, TOPEX has been so honored for the last three consecutive years 1959-60-61.

Collectors wishing to share the benefits of ATA membership, Topical Time journal and topical handbooks which brought about these great strides for topical philately can write for free information to Ennis C. Cleveland, 5104 W. Wisconsin Ave., Apt. 3, Milwaukee 8, Wis., sending a stamped addressed envelope.

Jersey Club Offers Canadian Cancels

The Englewood (N. J.) Stamp Club has announced that it will again service covers for special cancellations and cachets at exhibition post offices in the following Canadian cities:

Calgary, July 10-15; Edmonton, July 17-22; Saskatoon, July 24-29; Regina, July 31-August 5; Ottawa, August 18-26; and Vancouver, August 19-September 4.

Collectors may send addressed 6½" covers (with fillers) and 7c per cover to the Englewood Stamp Club, Dept. C-6, c/o David B. Popkin, secretary, 303 Tenafly Rd., Englewood 19, N. J.

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Texas Mail Burglary Nets Six Bags Of Loot

Six bags of first-class mail were stolen when the mail room of the Willis Point, Texas station of the Texas & Pacific Railway was burglarized June 16, according to George H. Goldey of Goldcraft Covers, Canton, Texas.

Some mail destined for Canton was taken in the loot, he stated, suggesting that any collectors who feel it might have included mail from them, should write again and in the meantime issue "stop payments" on their checks involved.

Bahamas Specialist In Plea For Postmark Aid

G. J. Raymond, a specialist on the stamps of Bahamas, is seeking information about a postmark, "Wilson City, Bahamas" of the early 1900's. Anyone having such data is requested to contact him at 6035 Hornwood Dr., Houston 36, Texas.

He reports that a previous "SOS" for particulars about early Midway Island markings by U. S. postal facilities brought to light an actual 1905 cover in a famous New York State collection.

"Share Savvy" Night At Minnehaha Club July 14

A general pooling and sharing of philatelic knowledge will be conducted at the July 14 meeting of the Minnehaha Stamp Club. The affair will be held at Pillsbury-Citizens Service, 320 16th Ave. South, Minneapolis, Minn.

Interesting and informative ten-minute talks on their pet specialties will be given by several members of the organization. The public will be especially welcome at this session.

Israeli License And Fiscal Stamps Here

The Israel Philatelic Agency in America has announced that the 1961 Israel Radio License Stamps, which many collectors save in documenting the contemporary life and history of the country, are now available in the States.



Two in number, of a single design they show concentric circles radiating around a star, famous national symbol identified with Israel's philately. The 15-Pound value, is light blue and black; the 17.40£, pink and black. The stamps are issued to maintain the "Kol Israel" or "Voice of Israel" radio network.



Also now available in America are the fourth Revenue issue of 1961, consisting of 12 stamps. Denominations include the high values, with 1£ in gray and black, 2£ red and black and 5£ green and black.

All important documents, such as bonds, deeds and all legal papers, have the revenue stamps attached to them.

Late July Centenary Of "54-40 Or Fight"

The centenary of the settlement of the Canada-U. S. border dispute of a century ago will be observed late in July at Point Roberts, Wash. Located on the southwest tip of a British Columbia peninsula, it is the "Berlin of Washington State"—isolated on three sides by Pacific waters and on the north by Canadian soil.

It will be remembered that Great Britain and the U. S. claimed much of that area, with the states demanding territory up to latitude "54-40, or (we'll) fight". Honorably conducted arbitration settled on latitude 49 degrees North which has since been mutually accepted and respected.

Point Roberts marks the westernmost end of the unfortified boundary agreed upon in 1861. The coming celebration will bring suitably cacheted covers, according to Mrs. Mark Carlson, 3330 Alderwood Ave., Bellingham, Wash. who advised that the project is in final stages of preparation.

She is a member of the Bellingham stamp group which sponsored cacheted covers for the first trip of the "Flying Fish" hydrofoil boat between the U. S. and Vancouver earlier this year. The craft was damaged on the trip home, and has made no further runs.

Mrs. Carlson reports she still has a few first-and-only trip covers, at 20c each or six for \$1, postpaid, for the U. S.-Canada or return trip.

Frank O. Vinson Dies At 60 In Eastchester

Frank O. Vinson, veteran collector and dealer who gained much attention by being the largest purchaser of material from the King Farouk collection in 1954, died June 23 at his Eastchester, N. Y. home. He was 60, and a member of many philatelic organizations.

He headed the United Stamp Co. at the same address as his home. Earlier he had operated from the Grand Central Palace in New York City. A native of Czechoslovakia, he immigrated to the United States in 1939. Survivors include Mrs. Vinson and two brothers.

Correction On First Day Cover "Find" Story

An accidental error appeared in last week's page 8 story concerning the earliest known first day cover of the 2c carmine stamp, Scott No. 220, of August 1890.

Readers checking further details in Linn's of April 17 and June 3 will note that the correct date is as above, and not the more recent one in last week's account. Other facts as stated there are correct.

Third Topical Digest Covers Subject Well

Long awaited, the popular "Topical Stamp Digest No. 3" (Handbook No. 31) of the American Topical Assn. has just been published. Its contents run the gamut of interesting topical subjects. Its 68 pages contain 28 articles with 92 illustrations which cover 31 topical subjects from A to Z.

Carefully edited by librarian John Henry Richter, Digest No. 3 offers the cream of some 500 articles from around the world in over a dozen tongues. Nearly half of the contents represents translations by Brother Camillus, director of ATA's free translation service for members.

Topics covered are botany, sports, postal history, mythology, music, ships, animals, stamp collecting, commerce and trade, politics, art, aviation, geography, maps, exploration, chronology, education, engineering, history, Olympics, literature, folklore and legends, international relations, polar, welfare, arctic and medical subjects—all on stamps.

Of particular note is "Postal History in Antarctica During the IGY" which runs nine pages. Another feature traces both summer and winter Olympics from the beginning in 776 B. C. (seven pages). Others treat Atomic, National Parks of Japan, Orval Abbey, Elections, Fairs, and Care of Aged.

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881	3.60	966	45.00	1097	3.20	C45	6.40
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884	1.60	969	2.00	1112	4.00	C54	7.20
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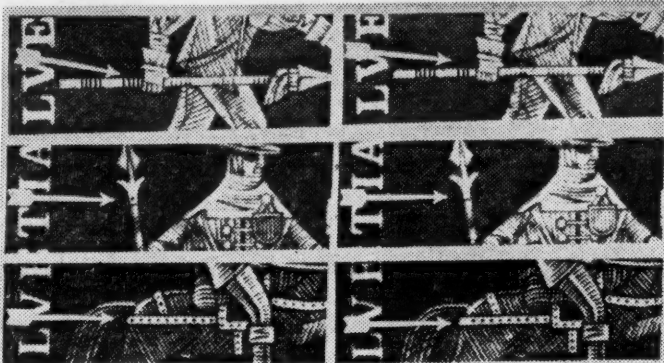
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Swiss coils of three 1960 values can be identified by inconspicuous yet positive markings. At left are the regular values (top to bottom) 5c, 10c and 20c, with their counterparts at right. Arrows point to the respective regular-and-coil differences.

Switzerland's 1960 Coil Stamps
Ed Buser, Jr.
With the 1960 issue of regular stamps depicting motifs of the postal history on the lower values and churches and towered buildings on the higher values, Switzerland also issued coil stamps of three denominations. Unlike the coil stamps of the United States which are perforated on two sides only the Swiss coil stamps are perforated on four sides.
While at a quick glance they may look exactly like the regular stamps these coils have distinct distinguishing marks as shown in the illustration and described herewith.
The denominations are the 5c ultramarine, messenger of Fribourg; 10c green, messenger of Schwyz; and 20c rose pink, postman on horseback. They are issued in coils of 1000 sold at face value plus 40c for the entire coil, and in coils of 2000 plus 60c for the larger coil.
As to the distinguishing marks shown on the illustration the 5c coil shows only three vertical lines on the spear at the left of the messenger's hand, while on the 10c coil the nailknob shown on the regular stamp on the upper part of the spear is omitted.
On the 20c there are only nine nailknobs on the horizontal beltline on the rear part of the horse, whereas on the regular 20c there are ten.
Every fifth coil shows on the back of the stamp a distinguishing letter and control number. These coils are available at the Philatelic Agency in Berne only, also in sheets of 50 stamps which are detached from the long bands of printed stamps; each such sheet of 50 shows ten control numbers on the reverse.




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NEW SERIES OF PLATES
There has come upon the precancel scene a new series of government supplied electro plates in a type that might be styled U-12. The chief difference is that the letters might be a bit thinner than the older types known as U-12, and the vertical space between the town and state name is less than in the older plates.
One significant thing is that these new plates are WIDE spacing about the same as the first U-12's. There have been U-12 narrow plates listed as U-12n. These came after the 1938 dated ruling.
It is hard to understand just why these recent plates are of wide spacing unless they foreshadow something yet to come in the precancel world. We shall just have to wait for the answer to this puzzle.
Gary, Ind., Akron, Ohio and Marion, Ohio are a few of the towns seen on the new style U-12 plates. There are others I am sure.
TEKONSHA, MICH.
Chester Wing of Hastings, Mich. showed me what looks like an unlisted type from Tekonsha, Mich. To my way of thinking it is a U-70.
ORA, IND.
Have a mailing from a mail order house from this town in Indiana. The precancel is on Liberties and the type is U-129. This is one for the three-letter collectors.
It seems to be a new town also as it is not in the Town and Type catalog. Incidentally, it seems to me that Nebraska has the most three-letter towns using precancels. Am I correct?
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"S" means sheet stamp, "C" means coil. Phoenix, Ariz. 1/4cS; Long Beach, Calif. 3cC; Palo Alto, Calif. 2 1/2cC; San Francisco, 5cS; Hartford, Conn. 2 1/2cS; and South Bend, Ind. 2 1/2cC.
Also, Davenport, Iowa 1 1/2c and 2 1/2cS; Des Moines, Iowa 2 1/2cS; Portland, Me. 1 1/4cS; Baltimore, Md. 2 1/2cS; Boston 3cC; Lynn, Mass. 1 1/4cS; St. Paul 10cS; Kansas City, Mo. 10cS; Albany, N. Y. 25cS and 8cS Giori printing; Rochester, N. Y. 1cC, 1 1/4cC and 3cC.
And finally, Akron, Ohio 1 1/4cS; Columbia, S. C. 2cC; Austin, Texas 3cC; Salt Lake City 2 1/2cS; Mil-

The stamp—a 1c 1928—was on a piece of cover with the legend 435, etc. showing.
The stamp was off-center—fortunately or unfortunately, as you may look at it—to the left to leave room for a vertical connecting line if there would be any. There was none.
We believe this is an unreported type unless Michigan collectors know of the use of this cancellation for regular parcel post.

Cachet In Calgary, New Belgian Cancels

The popular philatelic news service operated by columnist Joachim Dill, (13a) Bad Neustadt / fraenk. Saale, West Germany reports an interesting cachet scheduled for the Calgary Stampede in Canada, and that several commemorative cancellations are listed for the near future in Belgium.
The annual Calgary Stampede will be held in the Canadian city of that name July 10-15, with a suitable cachet offered by the post office there.
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RR 1, Royal Oak, B. C., Canada has
a price list for you! The firm spe-
cializes in mixtures of all sorts and
sizes, as well as lots and sets, and
used a full page in color July 3 to
show the retail assortment. Collec-



Aug. 11-13—Pecan Stamp Society, Town
House Hotel, Kansas City, Kans. Kansas
Pecan Stamp Society, host.
Aug. 16-20—American Philatelic Society
convention, APS and Chicago Philatelic
Society Joint 75th year Jubilee, Congress
Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
Aug. 31-Sept. 3—Society of Philatelic
Americans 67th convention, Hotel Jay-
hawk, Topeka, Kans. The Topeka Stamp
Club, host.
Sept. 8-10—HANAPEX '61, Hanover Stamp
and Covers Club, at 1100 Calise St.,
Hanover, Pa.
Sept. 9-10—Kansas Pecan Stamp Society
and Mid-Kansas Philatelic Society exhibi-
tion and bourse, Salina, Kans.
Sept. 23-24—MAVEX '61—Butler Institute
of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio.
Mahoning Valley Stamp Club and Asso-
ciated Clubs, hosts.

Johnstown Stamp Club
Headed By C. Paessler

Officers for 1961 have been elected
by the Johnstown (Pa.) Stamp Club
as follows: Curtis P. Paessler, presi-
dent; Ralph W. Conley, vice presi-
dent; Reuben K. Zettler treasurer;
and Homer L. Jones, R. 252 Derby
St., Johnstown, Pa., secretary.

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day of each month in the Cambria
S&L Bldg., 225 Franklin St., at 8
p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

tors may write for duplicate lists;
dealers, for his profitable wholesale
lot offer.

Horses, Racing In
July "SportStamps"

A detailed compilation of all
sports seals and labels honoring
horse racing and horse shows is a
feature article in the July issue of
"SportStamps", the 24-page month-
ly journal of the Sports Unit of the
American Topical Assn. This check-
list by Irwin Bloomfield gives full
details of each seal, including size,
description of vignette, colors, and
wording.

In addition, Dick Frontain, bull-
ring impresario from Nogales,
Mexico, continues his exhaustive
coverage of Spain's 1960 bullfighting
series, with full-page articles on
Scott's numbers 910 and 911, "The
Madness at Pamplona" and "Toros
En El Campo".

Ira Seebacher, high award winner
with his sports exhibit at Olympia-
con, has contributed a four-page
article on the techniques used in
mounting one's collection for ex-
hibition purposes. Included also are
the proper procedures for display-
ing one's stamps to the greatest
possible advantage.

Other interesting features of this
issue include a new issues calendar,
a compilation of forth-coming sports-
stamps issues, and the second in-
stallment of Elmer Binker's "Sports
Post Offices of the U. S. A."

This issue of "SportStamps" will
be available to non-members until
July 20 at 25c per copy, from Ed-
ward J. Flath, 214 Julian St., Wauke-
gan, Ill.



July 8—Stampazine, 109 W. 43rd St., New
York 6, U. S. Br. Cols., genl. ign., and
covers of world.
July 11—Higgins & Gage, Inc., 21 N. Santa
Anita, Pasadena, Calif. One-family 90-
year-old collection Britain and Ireland.
July 11—Hobbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row,
New York 38. Mail auction of U. S.
stamps.
July 12-13—Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc., 560
Fifth Ave., New York 36. U. S. Br.
Cmnwlth. and ign.
July 14—J. & H. Stolow, Inc., 50 W. 46th
St., New York 36. U. S. and ign., plus
cols. by countries.
July 17—Matthew Bennett, 5401 Lynview
Ave., Baltimore 15, Md. U. S. Br., Ger-
many, genl. and white.
July 17-20—H. R. Harmer, Inc., 6 W. 48th
St., New York 36. Public auction, closing
sale of season.
July 20-21—Lambert W. Gerber, Tamaqua,
Pa. Genl. showing of U. S. and ign.
July 24—Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, Inc., 1416
S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2, Pa. Wide
showing of U. S. and ign.
Aug. 3—Sol Salkind, 3306 Rochambeau,
Bronx 67, N. Y. 19th century U. S. covers
and stamps.

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In U.S. For German "IFA"

It has recently been announced
that Herbert Rosen, New York
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torian, has been appointed the United
States representative for the in-
ternational stamp exhibition "IFA
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This event will be held in Duessel-
dorf, Germany, December 3-10, in
cooperation with leading German
philatelic organizations.

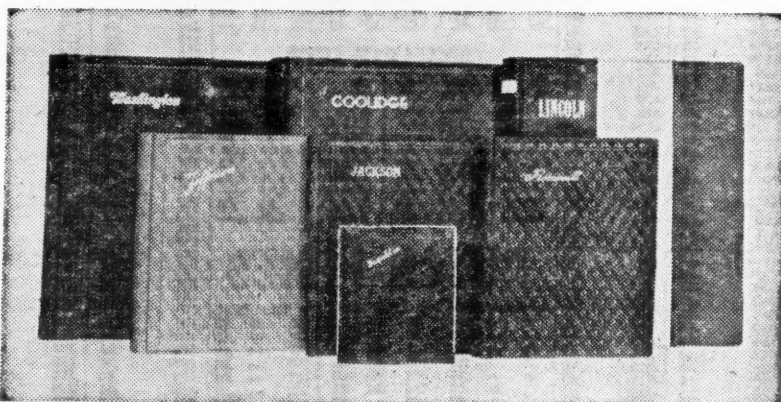
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4*	.05	J55	.20	N205*	.03	B12 .10	B127 .25 .15	B300 — .24
5*	.05	J56*	.07	N206*	.02	B13 .35 .20	B128 .18 .10	C3 —

25.13	B129.04	.04	C4	.10
25.20	B130.06	.06	C5	.12
30.30	B131.08	.08	C6	.40
25.20	B132.06	.03	C7	.60
35.30	B133.07	.05	C8	2.25
12.10	B134.03	.03	C9	.08
18.12	B135.03	.03	C11	.08
15.07	B136	.03	C12	.15
45.40	B137.04	.03	C13	.03
40	B138.05	.03	C14	.03
60	B139.03	.03	C19	.00
1.25 1.00	B140.03	.03	C21	.10
1.25 1.00	B141.03	.03	C23	.10
2.00	B142	.03	C24	.10
12.07	B143.03	.03	C33	.08
15.07	B144.04	.04	J44	.02
20.08	B145.02	.02	J45	.02
20.10	B146.03	.03	J47	.03
20.18	B147.00	.03	J48	.04
35.30	B148.03	.03	J51	.03
50.50	B152.03	.03	J51	.02
85.75	B153.03	.03	J55	.05
18.12	B154.03	.03	J56	.02

.30	—	B155	.03	.03	J57	.06	.04
.35	.06	B156	.03	.03	J58	.07	.04
.16	.12	B157	.03	.03	J59	—	.04
.30	.30	B158	.03	.03	J60	.28	.04
.30	.15	B159	.03	.03	J61	.63	.04
—	.55	B161	—	.04	J62	.03	.04
.20	.12	B162	.06	.05	J64	—	.04
.25	.18	B163	.10	.10	J65	.05	.04
.40	.06	B164	—	.03	J66	.06	.06
.40	.20	B165	—	.04	J68	.06	—
.15	.10	B166	—	.05	J69	.12	.04
.35	.15	B167	—	.03	J70	.15	.04
.40	.12	B168	—	.04	J71	—	.04
.25	—	B170	—	.05	J72	.04	.04
.85	.20	B171	.05	—	J73	.04	.04
.80	—	B172	.05	.05	J74	—	.04
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0.85	.30	B185	—	.05	J88	.06	—
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.06	.04	B183	.12	—	J96	.12
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.12	.12	B206	.08	.05	J105	.45
.06	—	B214	.35	.25	J106	.80
.10	.05	B215	—	.50	O27	—
.10	—	B216	—	.25	O28	—
.12	.03	B217	.25	.12	O29	—
.15	.15	B219	.06	.06	O30	—
.15	—	B221	.12	.12	O31	—

.95	B222	.10	O32	.04
.08	B226	.07	O33	.04
.06	B227	.07	O34	.04
.15	B237	.30	O35	.04
.04	B238	.12	O36	.10
.05	B239	.25	O37	.10
.03	B248	.10	O2	.15
.15	B252	.10	O39	.17
.10	B258	.30	O40	.10

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Mint Used	#	Mint Used
1.00	B134-38	.15
.25	B139-43	.12
.70	B144-45	.50

1.85	.45	B140-53	.12	✓
.35	.50	B144-68	.10	✓
.35	.15	B150-63	.25	✓
.30	.12	B164-69		
.45	✓	B170-74	.25	✓
.60	✓	B175-79	.30	✓
.75	.17	B180-84	.30	✓
.35	.30	B185-88	.30	✓
.27	.15	B189-93	.30	✓
.40	.15	B194-98		
.30	.15	B199-202	.60	✓
.50	.35	B203-07	.40	✓
.27	.25	B208-13	1.75	1.5
.20	✓	B214-18	2.50	2.5
.30	.20	B219-23	.06	✓
.22	.20	B224-28		✓
.20	✓	B229-33		✓
.30	✓	B234-37	.75	✓
	.40	B238-42	1.15	1.15
.70	.55	B243-47	.75	✓
.55	.50	B249-53	1.10	1.10
1.35	1.00	B254-58	.55	✓
2.00	1.75	B259-63	.90	✓

1.00	.80	B324-88	.50	新到
5.00	5.00	B269-70	.15	新到
1.00	.50	B271-75	.50	新到
1.50	.80	B276-80	.50	新到
2.00	1.75	B281-85	.45	新到
1.75	1.10	B286-90	.65	新到
2.00	1.75	B291.95	.80	新到
2.25	1.65	B296-300	.50	新到
3.75	1.75	B301-05	.50	新到
2.00	1.50	B306-10	.55	新到
1.00	.50	B311-15	.50	新到
2.10	1.50	B316-20	.50	新到
2.00	1.00	B321-25	.60	新到
1.30	.80	B326-30	.50	新到
1.75	.75	B331-35	.55	新到
1.50	.50	B336-40	.50	新到
1.30		B341-42	.30	新到
.75	.30	B343-47	.40	新到
.75	.40	B348-52	.30	新到
.80	.30	B353-57	.40	新到
.75	.40	C1-3	2.75	一
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.25	.30	Q27-40	1.20	一

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